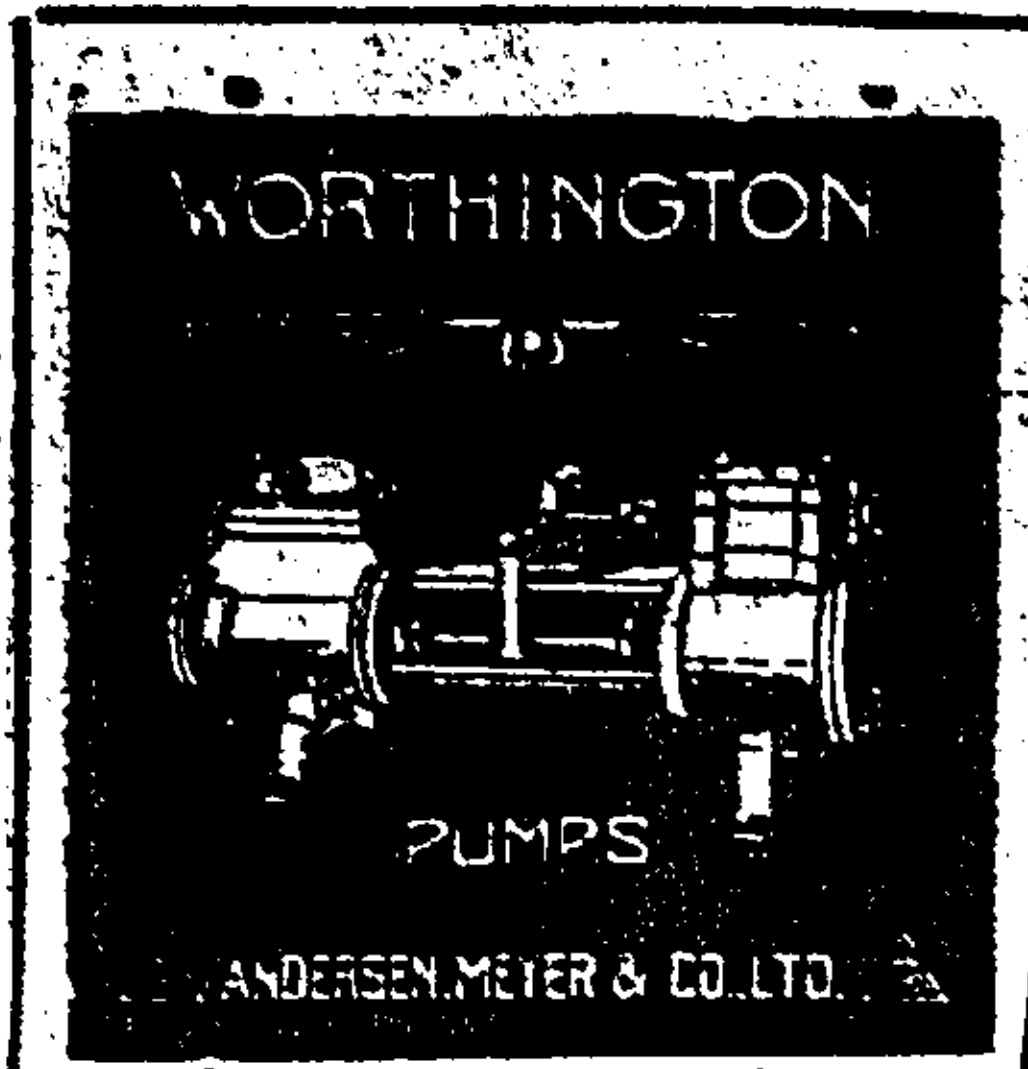




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BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE AFFAIR.

A Huge Scandal Developing.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, February 26.
A scandal recalling the Panama sensation appears to be developing from the Banque Industrielle de Chine affair. M. M. Tardieu and Ignace (who are amongst the members of the Chamber, petitioning for a Commission of Enquiry) were both important collaborators with M. Clemenceau. They see in the affair an opportunity of directing terrible attacks upon highly-placed individuals. It is alleged that a rival Bank had in the Briand Cabinet strong supporters who opposed the refloating of the Banque Industrielle. The name of M. Doumer is mentioned in this connection.

Those who are indignant at these attempts to discredit responsible persons urge that it is there to be an inquiry it should be comprehensive and include allegations against M. Clemenceau and his followers, especially with regard to the case of the ex-Deputy, M. Paul Meunier, who has just been released after twenty-seven months in prison without a trial, on the ground that there was no evidence justifying his commitment to trial for "intelligences with the enemy."

It is alleged that M. Paul Meunier offended M. Clemenceau. As a Deputy he was immune from arrest except with the permission of a Parliamentary Commission, but he was arrested during the electoral period at the end of 1919 when one Parliament was dissolved and another Parliament had not been elected and although technically a Deputy he was no longer a Deputy.

It is alleged that M. Paul Meunier, who is a barrister, opposed the interests of an enemy banker named Rosenberg whom M. Clemenceau's brother, who is also a barrister, was defending, and that M. Paul Meunier politically advanced M. de Fautiste, the Radical editor of the newspaper *La Verite*.

THE BOULOGNE MEETING.

Anglo-French Co-operation Assured.

Paris, February 26.
A French official communique states that M. Poincare and Mr. Lloyd George met yesterday at the Sub-Prefecture of Boulogne in a talk of more than three hours, during which they examined in a most cordial spirit a certain number of problems now being discussed by the Allies.

The two Premiers discussed particularly the Geneva conference and agreed entirely that political guarantees be secured to prevent encroachments upon either the League of Nations rights, the treaties signed since peace, or the Allies' rights in reparations. Experts will meet in London soon to examine economic and technical questions, and to ask the Italian Government to call the Geneva conference on April 10.

Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincare agreed in a very friendly spirit on all the points discussed. Both felt confident that the Anglo-French entente may be expected soon to produce the best results. Both gave assurance that no political difficulties will prohibit the two allied nations from working together in full mutual confidence for Europe's economic reconstruction and peace consolidation.

The question of the recognition of the Soviets will be reserved till the end of the Geneva conference. The Soviets will be answerable for State loans of former Russian Governments. The European disarmament problem will not be stated at Geneva, because Germany has failed to meet her liabilities. -Havas

DISPUTE IN ENGINEERING INDUSTRY.

Question of Managerial Freedom.

London, February 26.
A national crisis has arisen in the engineering industry. The employers have given notice of a lock-out on March 11 in connection with a dispute over freedom of management in regard to overt men, concerning which a ballot of the men resulted in the rejection of a recommendation by the executive in favour of acceptance of memorandum laying down that trade-unions should not interfere with the right of employers to exercise managerial functions in their establishments.

Half a million men are directly affected, but the employers and the union will confer on March 7 with a view to averting the trouble. Possible Shipbuilding Lockout.

Meanwhile it is understood that a ballot of shipbuilding workers on the employers' proposal to remove the bonus of 25s. 6d. per week in two instalments beginning on March 15 has resulted in a majority in favour of rejection, raising the possibility of a shipbuilding lockout.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

Military College for Sons of Indian Soldiers.

London, February 26.
After a friendly demonstration from a cheering crowd of between fifty and a hundred thousand at the People's Fair at Delhi, the Prince of Wales spent three days at Patiala playing polo, shooting, and pig-sticking.

His Royal Highness was entertained at a gorgeous State banquet, and also laid the foundationstone of King George's Royal Military College at Jullundur, the first of several schools for the sons of Indian soldiers to be built with monies from the King-Emperor's Patriotic Fund subscribed during war-time.

Subsequently the Prince proceeded to Lahore.

INDIAN RAILWAY STRIKE.

European Lady Injured.

Cuttack, February 25.
The East Indian railway workers are gradually resuming work. A rail was found across the track between Asansol and Sitalampur. Stones were thrown at the driver of a goods train at Bardwan. A European lady was injured badly cut hand in a terrible tussle with an Indian armed with a knife who entered her compartment as the express was leaving Bardwan. Indians in the next compartment pulled the alarm chain and the assistant fled, taking the lady's purse.

DEFRAUDING THE GOVERNMENT.

Fateh Mohamed Pleads Guilty.

Fateh Mohamed, the Police Department clerk charged with conspiring with Aboni Santra to cheat and defraud the Government, appeared at the Criminal Sessions, before the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. Rees Davies) this morning and pleaded guilty.

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp) explained that at the time when these frauds took place prisoner was the most experienced officer in the accounts office. He was in a position of trust and was trusted by the C. S. P. Counsel explained prisoner's duties and continued that in one case \$1,700 was paid out by the Treasury in one month to a boot-making firm and not a single boot was supplied. In another case bogus bills were made out in the name of a non-existent firm and the Department paid out \$3,800. The frauds were carried out by means of false Chinese chops and counterfeited signatures and a number of acts of forgery were committed.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Leo Longinotto), who appeared for prisoner, said accused was 26 years of age and had been in Government service about 6 1/2 years. Until his arrest he had a very brilliant future by reason of the fact that he was recognised by the heads of the departments as an exceptionally able and hard-working man. In 1920 prisoner was transferred to the Supreme Court. For eight months he acted as clerk to the Poinsie Judge and for three months in addition to that duty he also acted as clerk to the Acting Chief Justice, who commended prisoner for the excellent manner in which he fulfilled the onerous duties during his clerk's absence. Prisoner's lot was a sad one, continued Counsel. For eight a half months he was part and parcel of the machinery of the Court in which he now stood to be sentenced. During the war Counsel mentioned, prisoner volunteered and served in the

MANJI MARU.

A Total Loss.

In spite of many attempts at salvage, the Manji Maru, which went on the rocks in the Straits some weeks ago, has now been given up as a total loss. The Azuma Maru has been trying to effect salvage for some time past and only recently put back into Hongkong for more stores before making a final attempt. This boat, however, came into Hongkong again over the week-end and reported that the Manji Maru was past all hope of salvage. The Azuma Maru is leaving to-morrow at daylight for Moji.

auxiliary police force for 5 years. It was not far from him to lay the blame of this man's fall at other doors than his own. Mr. Jenkin continued, but accused would give evidence in the next case and Counsel could assure His Lordship that, a patient man, he would place before the Court all that he had done. He was prepared to give information to prevent a repetition of this class of fraud.

Sentence was reserved until after the disposal of the case of Aboni Santra.

ABONI SANTRA'S CASE.

Special Jury Summoned.

Aboni Santra was charged with conspiring with Fateh Mohamed by false pretences and, in connection therewith, to defraud the Government. The Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Kemp) conducted the case for the Crown, and prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, was represented by Mr. R. E. Bellios (instructed by Mr. Leo Longinotto).

A special jury was summoned for this case. The members were Messrs J. O. Fuzhe (foreman), H. Hancock, C. F. G. Grimble, P. R. J. Adams, G. Hoxz, A. R. Lowe and A. S. D. Cusland. Evidence was given similar to that at the Magistrate's. The case is proceeding as we go to press.

PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF IRISH ELECTION.

Situation "Much More Hopeful"

London, February 26.

A series of conferences at the Colonial Office between Mr. Churchill and representatives of the South Irish and North Irish Governments in regard to a three months' delay of the Irish elections ended this morning.

The South Irish representatives are returning to Ireland to-night. It is understood that the situation is much more hopeful.

BRITISH SCHOONER SEIZED.

By U.S. Coastguard Cutter.

Portsmouth (Virginia), February 26.

A United States coastguard cutter seized the Nova Scotian motor schooner Emerald, flying the British flag with a cargo of one thousand cases of liquor for New York delivery. The crew were detained pending examination.

THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS.

Delhi, February 26.

The All-India Congress Committee, after an eight hours' discussion, passed Gandhi's resolution, mentioned yesterday, practically unaltered. It is understood that the resolution goes beyond Gandhi's personal views and was drafted to meet the opinions generally held by the Congress leaders. Malaviya's views, favouring the abandonment of civil disobedience and non-co-operation, did not find supporters.

ICE BLOCKADE BROKEN.

Stockholm, February 26.

The ice blockade at Gothenburg has broken. Fourteen ships which had been held up off Vinga Lighthouse have arrived at Gothenburg.

DISASTROUS MANILA FIRE.

Manila, February 25.

As the result of a disastrous fire, 800 houses were burned down and 4,000 people rendered homeless.

K.G. FOR THE BRIDEGROOM.

London, February 26.

Viscount Lascelles has been appointed a Knight of the Garter.

(Other Telegrams on Page 4.)

THE STRIKE.

THE END IN SIGHT.

Important Negotiations Now

It is generally estimated that the strike, which has entered upon the last week of the season's strike, in fact, some of the local Chinese papers have gone so far as to publish the prediction that by Friday we shall see many of the boats which have been hung up here for so long under way again. There are several reasons why this optimism has been engendered.

In the first place, as we reported on Saturday, General Chan King-ming, of Canton, has no directly interested himself in the matter and it was upon his suggestion that local ship-owners decided to increase their wages offer. Mr. R. Sutherland, seen this morning, stated that the scale of wages offered by the owners now started with an increase of 2 1/2 per cent. on pre-strike wages for Chinese River steamers. The scale, therefore, is as follows—

Chinese River steamers	27 1/2
Other Chinese steamers	27 1/2
up to 1,000 D.W. tons	27 1/2
British Companies' River steamers	15 1/2
Coasting steamers	14 1/2
Java Lines	10
Pacific Lines	10
European Lines	10
Australian Lines	12 1/2

It is interesting to compare that scale with the seamen's original demands made on January 17th, which were as follows—

Chinese River Steamers	32 1/2
Other Chinese River Steamers, up to 1,000 D.W. Tons	32 1/2
Canton, Hongkong & Macao Steamboat Co's Steamers	25
Other British Companies' River Steamers (taking the scale of Canton, Hongkong and Macao Steamboat Co. as basis)	25
Coasting Steamers	25
Java Lines	17 1/2
Pacific Lines	17 1/2
European Lines	17 1/2
Australian Lines	20

On Saturday, as soon as the delegates knew that the owners had decided to grant an increase, they left for Canton and we learn that they have arrived back in Hongkong to-day. What decision they have brought, we were unable to discover this morning, but it is generally expected that the reply will be more favourable than anything which has transpired hitherto.

We have received proof of this by way of a special telegram from Canton which informs us that the British Consul General, after conferring with General Chan King-ming, has made a proposal to the Hongkong Government which will probably be acceptable to the seamen. Our Canton correspondent also writes to tell us that when General Chan King-ming learned that the ship-owners had agreed to give a 2 1/2 per cent. increase on their former offer he stated that he would personally assume the responsibility of bringing about a settlement. "It is believed that through the mediation of the Civil Governor of Canton and through other Guilds in Hongkong the strike will be terminated this week," adds our correspondent.

To-day we have tried to ascertain the nature of the delegates' reply, but Mr. Hallifax, seen for a moment this morning, said: "I have nothing to communicate to you."

Seen at 2.30 this afternoon Mr. Hallifax said it was true that the Engineering Institute's delegates were back from Canton and that an important matter was now being dealt with. There was, however, nothing definite enough yet upon which he could communicate.

Shipping Movements.

Meanwhile, there has been a big influx of shipping into the port over week-end. The Empress of Asia arrived yesterday afternoon, bringing

general cargo. She reported the deaths of two Chinese stowage passengers during the trip. The inclination of her crew, either to stay on board or to leave, would not be disturbed this morning.

It is interesting to note that the crew of the Empress of Asia, who were brought from Hainan a large consignment of pigs, bullocks and poultry. The P. and O. Devanha brought in the mails from London and Singapore and is leaving again for the north this afternoon. The small American steamer Chiat Yek arrived from Manila and the Amakusa Maru arrived from Keelung and Swatow. The Shinyo Maru came in from San Francisco this morning for the first time during the strike bringing general cargo and a large number of Chinese passengers. She had her original crew on board. The B.L. Takada arrived yesterday from Bombay and Singapore her large cargo including rice and tea for Hongkong. She is due to leave to-day for Kobe and Amoy. Other arrivals were the Shabonoe, a Standard Oil boat from San Pedro with 5,500 tons of fuel oil; the Ooma, a new visitor to the Port from Australia, bringing flour and sandal-wood; and the Willeader, from Keelung, bringing rice.

The departures include the West Chopaka for San Francisco and Manila and the Tambo Maru for Yokohama and Shanghai.

The number of vessels in port this morning had increased to 163, with a tonnage of 22,684 tons.

A Shipping Man's Complaint.

In conversation with a well-known local shipping representative more particularly interested in the trans-Pacific trade, a *Telegraph* representative was this morning given a rather interesting side-light on the strike situation, especially concerning the percentages of wages increase which have been proposed. It was definitely asserted that the coastal steamers are setting the advantage of the Pacific boats in the suggested settlement.

Our informant said that, in the first place, no-one could cite even one Chinese crew engaged in the trans-Pacific trade which was dissatisfied before the strike began. It was the low rates of pay on river and coastal boats which had caused the strike. The average wage of seamen on trans-Pacific boats was \$30 per month, whereas the average wage on coastal was \$15 per month. The ship-owners' first offer was to give 1 1/2 per cent. on the Pacific lines (or about \$2.25 extra per man) and 12 per cent. on the Coastal boats (or about \$1.80 per man). The Pacific rate had now been increased to 10 per cent. for \$3.00 per man) and the coastal rate had been increased to 14 1/2 per cent. (or \$2.17 per man). Such a suggestion was unfair to the Pacific ships, our informant asserted, and he went on to point out the fact that owing to the running of so many direct lines just now, the former great amount of coastal trade and trans-shipment here in Hongkong had fallen very greatly compared with what it was years ago. The coastal ships were feeling that and he could trace in the suggested scales of increase an attempt on the part of the coastal shippers to make the trans-Pacific boats more costly and therefore leave their own boats with a better chance of getting cargoes. He could see no reason whatever why the trans-Pacific boats, whose crews were satisfied before the strike, should have to pay a larger sum than the coastal boats which formerly paid much lower rates as to cause a strike. The two classes of boats should have been kept distinct from the very on set. The river boats were also badly paid as compared with the Pacific boats. He suggested that the proper way in which the strike should be settled was for a minimum wage to be laid down for each class of boats, irrespective of what time the

DAY BY DAY.

The wedding of Mr. C. F. Coleman and Miss Dorothy Duns, at St. Andrew's, was a most successful affair.

Discovered suspended by a rope from the roof of the cook-house, a coolie employed at the Yee Wo Tai Godown was cut down and first aid applied. The efforts proved to be without avail, and the remains were sent to the Mortuary.

At the meeting of Chinese Chamber of Commerce Rooms yesterday to confer on the question of cargo held up by the strike, Mr. Ho Lu was asked to take the chair but declined the invitation and seconded Mr. Chan Pak-chuen to that position, saying that Mr. Chan had exerted his good efforts towards effecting an amicable settlement in the recent wage dispute between the merchants and cargo coolies, and was therefore more qualified to act in the capacity of Chairman to the meeting than he.

TWO ROBBERIES.

A daring armed robbery took place in the Central district last night, the house in question being No. 50 D'Aguilar Street. Four men entered the upper floor at 9.30 p.m. on the pretext of having been sent from the Yee Tai shop and, with revolvers and daggers, forced the inmates to surrender money and valuables of the total amount of \$480.

No. 12 Austin Road, Kowloon, was the scene of a similar occurrence. The money changer who occupied this address was, along with his kiosk, held up by a gang who rushed into the place at about 7.15 o'clock. They stole from various drawers in the counter money amounting to \$225 and then decamped.

FRIEND OF CZAR DEAD.

Madame Tcherkoff, at one time an influential personage at Czarist Courts and a friend of the Emperor Alexander has died at Bournemouth at the age of 90. She was refugee from the Bolsheviks.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Will Hender, the jazz specialist is appearing at the Hongkong Hotel ten dances this week and at Republic Bar dinner dances. -Page 4.

The Coronet's attraction to-day is "The Yellow Typhoon", whilst there will be a black and white dance at the Kowloon Theatre to-morrow. -Page 12.

The Hongkong Horticultural Society's show takes place on Thursday. -Page 4.

"Consignees of cargo per sea Ooma" are referred to the notice on Page 4.

Moutrie's have a good assortment of dance records corresponding with Will Hender's programmes. -Page 3.

Lane Crawford's advertisement "Celest" the perfect shirt for ladies. -Page 3.

An Englishman seeks a position. -Page 4.

To-day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar in demand to-day was 2s. 4.13/16d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—30.15 Temperature—52 Humidity—64.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time is 6.15 p.m.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

PREMIERS MEETING ON SATURDAY.

Paris, Feb. 25.

Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincare are meeting to-day at
Boulogne. The meeting is ascribed to the instrumentality of Lord
Derby. The meeting will be very brief owing to the necessity of
the Premier returning to confer with Messrs. Griffith and Collins
on the 26th. The utmost precautions are being taken to ensure the
strict privacy of the Conference.In connection with to-day's meeting between Mr. Lloyd George
and M. Poincare it is stated in well-informed quarters that the main
feature of the former's plan for Geneva is to establish a ten-year truce
throughout Europe, every nation formally agreeing to mutually
respect its frontiers during that period, abstain from all aggression,
devote themselves to the stabilisation of finance, commerce and in-
dustry and agree upon a universal reduction of land armaments.Le Temps suggests that Mr. Lloyd George contemplates a definite
Treaty limiting in detail land armaments on similar lines to the
Naval Treaty.

Boulogne, Feb. 26.

M. Poincare and Mr. Lloyd George had a four hour talk on
certain problems, particularly relating to Geneva, and agreed on
the political guarantees to be secured in order to prevent en-
croachments on the rights of the League of Nations, on the postwar
treaty and reparations rights. Experts of the different Powers
will meet in London shortly.The Premiers carried away the certainty that no political dif-
ficulties will stand in the way of the two nations working together.

Paris, Feb. 26.

It is semi-officially stated that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poin-
care agreed that the Cannes resolution regarding abstention from
aggression does not impair the right to inflict sanctions in case of
the failure by Germany to fulfil the Treaty of Versailles. The
admission of the Soviet at Geneva will not entail complete recogni-
tion, which question is reserved for the end of the Conference.
The disarmament question will not be discussed at Geneva. The
Eastern question will be settled without delay.

Boulogne, Feb. 26.

The Lloyd George-Poincare meeting has been concluded. The
two Premiers reached a complete understanding regarding the
conditions whereunder the Geneva Conference will be held, and its
postponement to 10th April. An entire agreement on all essentials
of the Franco-British pact, which will be ready for signature
within a few days. The question whether disarmament will be
discussed at Geneva was not mentioned. Both Premiers expressed
the greatest satisfaction at the result of their talk.

London, Feb. 26.

Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed at Boulogne, said: "We are in
complete agreement on all points, and a proper atmosphere has
been created. The Entente is stronger than ever. France and
Britain will work together for the reconstruction of Europe. Cer-
tainly we shall not press for recognition of the Soviet. If the
conditions for the pact at Geneva are unsatisfactory."

THE PRINCES TOUR.

London, Feb. 26.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Lahore on Saturday afternoon.
During his journey from Peshawar to Lahore the foundation stone
of the Indian Military College at Jullundur. He met with an excel-
lent reception, notwithstanding that this place is regarded as the
strong centre of the present unrest. An informal meeting of Punjab
Princes at Government House was the only public function, follow-
ing his arrival.It is reported from Peshawar that several members of the
Prince of Wales's party were fired on while motorizing from Delhi to
Peshawar. None were hit, and the character of the assailants is un-
known.

TO-MORROW'S ROYAL WEDDING.

London, Feb. 25.

Crowded London is taking an ever-growing interest in Tuesday's
royal wedding. At Westminster Abbey feverish preparations are
under way. The wedding cake was delivered yesterday. It stands
six feet high and weighs over five hundred pounds. A feature of
the cake is the representation of four Grecoan temples. Never has a
Royal bride seemingly received a more wonderful collection of pre-
sents. Already they number twelve hundred, and the Princess is
still busy daily receiving and graciously acknowledging gifts from
all quarters. The jewelry alone, which has evoked much admira-
tion from the guests at a series of brilliant wedding receptions
given by their Majesties, is estimated in value at one hundred and
fifty thousand sterling and is guarded day and night. The Princess,
however, is devoting the larger part of the numerous funds sub-
scribed to charitable objects.

RUBBER DIRECTOR'S DEATH.

London, Feb. 25.

A well-dressed man killed by falling under a train at South
Kensington station was identified as Mr. George Crull, a director of
Harrisons and Crossfield and twenty rubber companies associated with
them. He recently resigned the chairmanship owing to ill health.
He suffered from neurasthenia.

HOME POLITICS.

London, Feb. 25.

Bodmin by-election caused by the death of Sir C. Hanson. Coal-
ition Unionist, resulted in the return of Mr. Isaac Foot, Independent
Liberal, who polled 13,751. Major-General Sir Frederick Poole, the
Coalition Unionist candidate, polled 10,610 votes.At the last election in December, 1918, Sir C. Hanson was re-
turned by a majority of 3,533.

BRITISH TRADE SHIP.

London, Feb. 25.

It has been decided to postpone the sailing of the British trade
ship till more definite signs are apparent of the recovery of world
conditions.

COTTON MARKET BETTER.

London, Feb. 25.

A feature of the improved cotton market is substantial orders
from China-ports.

LAWN TENNIS.

St. Moritz, Feb. 26.

The Frenchman Cochet won the final of the men's singles
world's covered-court tennis championship.

RUGBY INTERNATIONALS.

London, Feb. 26.

The Rugby Internationals on Saturday resulted as follows—
England drew with France, 11 points to 11, at Twickenham, and
Scotland beat Ireland by 6 to 3, at Edinburgh.

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THE FRENCH BLUE BEARD.

Versailles, Feb. 25.

Landru, known as the French Blue-Beard, whose lengthy trial
for the murder of many women occupied the French courts for many
months) has been guillotined.

Landru was executed at six in the morning without incident.

Later.

Landru, who was executed at dawn, maintained his calm to the
very end and never ceased to protest his innocence. He scrupulously
attired himself, impassively submitted to the usual hair-shaving and
beard-trimming and declined to hear mass as he declared he did not
wish to keep the executioner and his assistants waiting. Cordons
of police and troops kept back large crowds assembled outside the
gaol.

ANOTHER INSURANCE FAILURE.

London, Feb. 26.

Yet another insurance concern, namely, the First National Re-
insurance Company, belonging to the City Equitable group, has filed
a winding-up petition.In order to calm doubt regarding the reasons for the failure of
the City Equitable, the Official Receiver in a statement says the in-
vestigations hitherto show that the immediate cause has been the
Company's highly speculative financial dealings largely by the act
and under the direction of the chairman. Many investments were
wholly unsuitable from an insurance standpoint, and many were un-
realisable. The last balance sheet did not disclose the Company's
true position on the 25th February last year.

THE INDIAN UNREST.

Delhi, Feb. 26.

The All-India Congress Committee has met. Gandhi moved a
resolution confirming the suspension of mass civil disobedience,
but sanctioning practically all other non-co-operation activities,
including individual civil disobedience, both defensive and ag-
gressive, and picketing. The discussion lasted until midnight,
when the Committee adjourned.Martial law has been withdrawn in Malabar. A civil ordi-
nance has been promulgated providing measures for the restora-
tion and maintenance of law and order.

THE ITALIAN CABINET.

Rome, Feb. 25.

Ex-Minister of Finance, Facta, is forming a Ministry.

Rome, Feb. 26.

The King has approved ex-Finance Minister Facta's list of
Ministers, comprising eight Democrats, three members of the
Popular or Catholic party, one Agrarian, one Socialist Reformer,
and one Right Liberal. Signor Facta takes the Premiership and
the portfolio of Home Affairs. Signor Schanzer, that of Foreign
Affairs. Signor Amendola the Colonies. Signor Bertone is Minister
for Finance, Signor Discalea, Minister for War, and Signor Devito,
Minister for Marine.

THE LATE SIR WILLIAM MATTHEWS.

London, Feb. 25.

Sir William Matthews has left £101,000.
The late Sir William Matthews was a renowned consulting en-
gineer for harbour and dock works and a member of the firm of
Goode, Matthews, Fitzmaurice and Wilson whose report on the
improvement of the harbour of Hongkong is awaited.

FAILURES IN NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 26.

Three comparatively unimportant brokerage houses have failed.
The week's failures number seven.

CANADA'S GROWING POPULATION.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.

Provisional census figures show the population of Canada to be
8,772,000, an increase in a decade of 1,475,000.

POLAND AND HUNGARY.

Prague, Feb. 26.

The Polish Minister categorically denies the reported existence
of a secret treaty between Poland and Hungary.

THE FOUR POWER TREATY.

Washington, Feb. 25.

The Foreign Relations Committee has agreed to the reservation
in the Four Power Pact providing that the United States is not com-
mitted to an armed force alliance or an obligation to join in defence.It is semi-officially announced that President Harding, while not
opposed to the reservation clarifying the wording of the Pacific
Treaty if deemed necessary, would not sanction the reservation pro-
posed by Senator Brandegee.

New York, Feb. 25.

The more sober elements of political opinion in America are annoy-
ed at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's attitude concerning
the Four Power Treaty and the papers do not hesitate to condemn
the reservationists. The New York Times says the Committee ex-
hibits a most unedifying spectacle, its leading members behaving more
like narrow-minded peasants than men of affairs. They suspect
trickery in every phrase and challenge the good faith of the other
nations to every agreement. The paper declares that the public is
tired of the attitude of those Senators who act as if they alone knew
how to draft a treaty devoid of traps.

Washington, Feb. 26.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has ordered a
favourable report on the Pacific Treaty, with its supplements
regarding naval limitation, and the submarine treaty. The Com-
mittee approved the sole reservation submitted to President Hard-
ing yesterday by ten votes to three, Senators Borah, Johnson and
Shields comprising the minority.The reservation mentioned appears above. It is understood
that before adoption it was submitted to President Harding, who
did not object.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Paris, Feb. 25.

A demand has been presented in the Chamber for the appoint-
ment of a Commission of Enquiry of thirty-three members "to throw
the fullest light on political responsibilities of every kind engaged in
the affair of the Banque Industrielle de Chine." It is signed by
twenty deputies, including M. Andre, Tardieu and Edouard Ignace,
ex-Under-Secretary of Justice. The latter has recently been pub-
lishing in M. Clemenceau's newspaper a series of confidential docu-
ments in an attempt to prove that the highest persons in the State
are compromised.

Paris, Feb. 26.

The Government has passed on the demand concerning the
Banque Industrielle to the Foreign Affairs Committee. The Gov-
ernment will decide the question of the appointment of an enquiry
commission later.

EX-KING FERDINAND.

Paris, Feb. 26.

A message from Mayence says that two shots were fired without
result at ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria as he was leaving the opera
at Munich. The assailant, a Bulgarian, was arrested.

SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE.

Johannesburg, Feb. 25.

The Government has called for one thousand special constables.
Spring's commando kidnapped and roughly handled a colliery
official and two of his companions, but subsequently released them.

Johannesburg, Feb. 26.

Five successive dynamite explosions occurred near one of the
shafts of the City Deep mine, but produced no stoppage.

GERMAN REPARATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 25.

President Harding has written to Senator Frelinghuysen com-
plaining that Congress has tied the hands of the Administration in
dealing with the Reparations Commission and suggesting that legis-
lative action should be taken to permit the United States to get
its quota of German reparations and dyes.

ADMIRALTY SAVINGS.

London, Feb. 25.

The Admiralty has issued a statement claiming that it has made
further large reductions which have now been approved, reducing
the proposed estimates for 1922-3 by twenty-two millions to under
sixty-one millions.

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

Kowloon v. R.G.A.

Kowloon sustained their first defeat in the League on Saturday, when they went down to the R.G.A. by six wickets. Batting first, Kowloon lost Lawrence at 5 and Thompson at 15. Stapleton and Braga lifted the total to 68 before Stapleton went, and Braga was caught by the same fieldman in the slips without adding a run, 4 for 68. Evans added three, and was followed out by Stalker, the latter not scoring, 6 for 73. Macaskill hit out for much needed runs, and with 30 not out was mainly responsible for Kowloon finally getting 123. Oliver scoring well, R.G.A. got the runs with six wickets in hand, although at 4 for 68 it seemed a little doubtful whether Oliver would find a partner. Graham made a stay, however, and when he was run out 100 showed for five wickets. Ragnall helped Oliver to make it 125, Oliver's 77 including eleven fours. Scores:

Kowloon.			
F. E. Lawrence, b. Davies	5		
F. G. Thompson, st. Ragnall, b. Graham	15		
C. J. Stapleton, c. Graham, b. Baker	26		
B. Braga, c. Graham, b. Davies	30		
D. Stalker, b. Davies	6		
H. D. Evans, c. Oliver, b. Baker	3		
R. R. Macaskill, not out	30		
T. Cochaine, c. Davies, b. Baker	6		
C. Dando, c. Oliver, b. Graham	2		
J. R. Roberts, c. Davies, b. Graham	5		
G. Ragnall, c. Graham, b. Baker	5		
Extras	12		

R.G.A.			
Capt. Oliver, not out	77		
L. Stalker, b. Evans	6		
R. R. Macaskill, b. Evans	6		
Capt. Davies, b. Evans	5		
S. M. Williams, c. Stapleton, b. Cochaine	1		
L. Stalker, c. Graham, b. Davies	20		
Major Ragnall, not out	4		
Extras	12		

Total			
Kowloon	123		
R.G.A.	125		

Bowling analysis.			
Davies	20	8	21
Graham	11	1	12
Baker	12	2	12

H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C.			
First innings	100		
Second innings	100		
Extras	12		

Total			
H.K.C.C.	100		
I.R.C.	100		

Bowling analysis.			
H. D. Rumbold	12	1	23
Madar	12	1	40
S. H. Ismail	12	1	34
F. M. Arculli	3	2	7
S. A. B. Ismail	1	1	7
R. Narain	5	1	23
Kitchell	5	1	46

I.R.C.			
R. Narain, b. Edwards	14		
S. A. Ismail, b. Edwards	14		
O. Rumbold, c. Davies, b. Lammer	0		
M. Kitchell, b. Edwards	0		
S. H. Ismail, c. Edwards, b. Lammer	10		
A. H. Madar, b. Edwards	1		
S. A. B. Ismail, c. and b. Edwards	3		
A. B. Sany, b. Lammer	0		
H. D. Rumbold, not out	0		
F. M. Arculli, b. Lammer	2		
M. P. Madar, b. Lammer	2		
Extras	11		

Total			
H.K.C.C.	100		
I.R.C.	100		

Bowling analysis.			
Young	7	2	14
Edwards	16	6	27
Lammer	11	3	8
Webster	2	1	3

Total			
H.K.C.C.	100		
I.R.C.	100		

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THE STRIKE.

Merchants Heavy Loses.

A meeting of Chinese merchants was held in the rooms of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, to discuss means of unloading cargo now remaining on ships tied up by the strike. There was a large attendance, representing many leading Chinese houses. Mr. Chan Pik-chuen was appointed Chairman. The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said the subject for discussion was the devising of means of unloading cargo, which had been waiting for consignees to take delivery of from steamers in harbour since the inauguration of the cargo coolies' strike. Not anticipating the coolies' strike, the Chairman said, large shipments of goods were sent to Hongkong to the order of Chinese firms, and now had to remain on the ships on account of the strike. The Tung Tak Coolies' Guild did not seem to have been fair to their employers in launching the strike without notice and with such suddenness, all Chinese firms being caught absolutely unprepared. If the coolies had expressed a desire to strike the employers would certainly not have interposed objections, but they should have given some notice.

Consignees' Losses.

The Steamers' Union declared their suspension of work nearly two months after they submitted their demand for an increase of pay. If the coolies had allowed their employers a week's time, the concession would have enabled the latter to have had a good proportion, if not all of the cargo discharged from the steamers. Kept in ships' holds as it had been for such a period of time, some of the cargo was perhaps rotting, and the losses suffered by consignees in consequence would undoubtedly be considerable. Merchants affected should consult together with a view to instituting means of preventing the greater loss which would certainly arise if their goods were to remain longer on the ships. Of the ships in harbour about sixty had cargo in their holds. An inspection of the Kowloon wharves would give an idea of the danger of damage to which the goods were subject. If a drenching rain or a fire took place the loss would be great indeed. Some of the cargo was on lighters only covered with canvas. Practically exposed to all sorts of weather the goods were liable to rot, particularly marine products, and besides the open way in which they were lying about afforded good opportunity to nimble-fingered "gentry" to diminish their bulk. Things had now come to such a pass that steps should be taken without delay. The Chairman concluded by inviting suggestions.

A Settlement Expected.

There being no response, Mr. Chan Pik-chuen continued. He understood merchants in Canton were, for some reason, not affected by the strike, and had been able to discharge their cargo. Mr.

Chan added that some of the Tung Tak Guild men were still in Hongkong and he suggested that efforts be made to persuade them to resume work until the ships' cargo holds were cleared. After that had been done the merchants could suspend business until conditions became normal. The merchants were in the same predicament as a man suspended in mid-air, unable either to descend or ascend.

The Chairman said there were hopes that a settlement of the strike might be effected during this week, but if a settlement did not eventuate they should communicate with the Tung Tak Coolies' Guild and request them to resume work. Failing this they should combine and make representations to the Government to obtain coolies to unload the goods. He was sure the strikers would be sympathetic and accede to this request as many of them had been on very good terms with their employers before the strike. Mr. Chan suggested that those present should ascertain how the Canton merchants could unload their cargo and act on the result.

Mr. Ho Lu said that possibly all the officials of the Tung Tak Guild had left Hongkong. In that case it would be difficult to get coolies.

Mr. Chan Pik-chuen said they might try to find them. Mr. Chan commented on the co-operation and initiative manifested by employees of foreign firms who volunteered their services during the strike to load and unload cargo. The lack of such excellent qualities among the Chinese had led to failure in many matters. He suggested that the Chinese should emulate foreigners in this respect. The speakers said that all should combine together. It would be useless to act individually, each for his own interest, because a ship carried cargo consigned to different firms and the discharge of one man's goods would necessitate the removal of another's. Mr. Chan estimated the value of cargo waiting for delivery at \$20,000,000. The consignees' loss would be serious even if it was as little as 10 per cent. Mr. Chan said that if the strikers considered all business men in the Colony as capitalists and acted against them as such they had been ill-advised because 80 per cent of Chinese merchants in Hongkong were not sole proprietors. Real capitalists were shipping magnates, oil kings, etc., in America and other places and to place the Hongkong merchants in the same category as these would hardly be right. Mr. Chan again invited suggestions, but no one made any response.

The Chairman proposed that the Tung Tak Guild be approached to supply coolies and if they refused the Government's assistance be sought. The proposal was unanimously approved.

According to the estimate of one of the merchants present the loss sustained by the Chinese mercantile community through the strike is nearly \$40,000,000.

Labour Mediators at Work.

At the conclusion of the meeting held in the building of the Chinese Engineers' Institute last Friday night the twenty men who were appointed by the meeting to act as mediators representing all the

labour guilds in Hongkong held a meeting.

In accord with the decision reached at this meeting the twenty mediators interviewed the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Secretary for Chinese Affairs) on Saturday morning to enlist Mr. Hallifax's assistance in their work and also to seek his introduction to the shipowners. Mr. Hallifax complied with the men's requests. In reply to questions by members of the deputation the Secretary for Chinese Affairs said that if all the strikers returned to work the Government would permit the re-opening of all guilds which had been suppressed, but all the strikers must resume work before their guilds were allowed to be re-opened. One of the Chinese delegates said that some of the strikers might have returned to their villages, and it would take time for them to return.

Mr. Hallifax is reported to have replied that if they (the twenty delegates) would guarantee to him on the day the strikers resumed work that all men would return he would permit the re-opening of the suppressed guilds.

Meeting with Shipowners.

In deference to the wish of the deputation Mr. Hallifax sent for representatives of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the China Mail S. S. Company and the C.P.R., at 1 p.m. on Saturday to meet the Chinese mediators at his office. The Chairman of the delegation (the President of the Chinese Engineers' Institute) referred to the wage question. One of Jardine's representatives said that the shipowners had already granted an additional 2½ per cent increase. Members of the Chinese deputation stated that if the shipowners would make another increase they might possibly reconcile the strikers. The shipowners' representatives replied that they could not do so now, but if the season

would reduce their demands they might perhaps consider meeting them.

Mr. Hallifax requested the Chinese delegates to obtain a definite reply from the seamen in Canton and inform him as soon as possible.

On Saturday five of the "labour" mediators left for Canton to apprise the seamen of the interview with Mr. Hallifax and the attitude of the shipowners, and it is understood that a satisfactory reply will be forthcoming. The rumours in well-informed circles last night were to the effect that a settlement was about to be reached.

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PEKING'S POPULATING.

The Peking Metropolitan Police Administration has recently submitted the Spring census of the Capital to the Ministry of Interior to the effect that there are totally seven hundred thirty-eight thousand six hundred and eighty-two men, and three hundred ninety-four thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine women in Peking comprising two hundred and seventy-two thousand three hundred and fifteen families.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1922 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. N. BEAUREPAIRE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th Feb. 1922.

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THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Friday, 3rd March 1922 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1921, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 22nd February, 1922, until Friday, the 3rd March, 1922, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, 17th Feb. 1922.

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1. That Article 103 of this Company's Articles of Association be altered as follows:—
(a) By the insertion of "\$10,000" in the place of "\$3,000" in the fifth line thereof.
(b) By striking out in the ninth and tenth lines thereof the words "for each financial year of the Company" and inserting in place thereof the words "in every year wherein such profits shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$150,000, and a commission of ten per cent. per annum on all the net profits of the Company in excess of that sum."

2. That the above Resolution (No. 1) be retrospective and take effect from the 1st day of January 1922.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a further Extraordinary General Meeting and such Meeting will be held on Monday, the 5th day of March, 1922, at the same time and place for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming such Resolutions as Special Resolutions accordingly.

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FOOTBALL.

Saturday's Matches.

(BY "QUIZ.")

The results of Saturday's games in the Hongkong League were:—
South China. 1 H.M.S. Curlew 0
R.G.A. 1 H.M.S. Tamar 0
University 2 S.C. "B" 0

The Races were responsible for matches down for Saturday being curtailed, and only three of the eight games were played. The games in the Senior League were well contested, and at the call of time only a goal separated the teams in each match, the honours going to South China, who secured a lucky win over the Curlew, the result of which added four points, which now places South China in the runners-up position and only one point behind the leaders with two games in hand. The only match in the Second Division ended in a draw as the referee was forced to stop the play after a duration of sixty minutes owing to the conduct of the players and spectators, a matter to be very much regretted.

SOUTH CHINA v. CURLEW.

Owing to the large crowd expected to line the ropes, this match, down for the South China ground, was brought over to the Kowloon F.C. ground at Happy Valley, owing to the former ground being so near the racecourse and the large number who use "The Road" when South China are playing at home. The crowd, were six deep round the ropes, several patches being occupied by the sailors' supporters, when South started for the Curlew against the wind. Play opened very even, each team attacking in turn. After ten minutes' play South China had the advantage and, assisted by the breeze, kept the play for a time in the sailors' quarters. Hands against Curlew forty yards out from their goal led to South China scoring the only goal of the match. Cheung Wing-shing, taking the free kick, sent the ball direct at goal, and much to the surprise of players and spectators, the goalie let the ball pass over his head into the goal. Had Hardy stayed at home he would have probably cleared, but, running out, he misjudged the flight of the ball and let it pass through his hands. With a wild shout the Chinese present made the Valley ring, and it was evident to the casual follower of football that South China had scored. The sailors were not disappointed with the unexpected reverse. They took up the attack with vigour but South China resisted all their efforts and the interval arrived with them leading by a goal to nil.

With the wind, the sailors took charge of the game and kept South China at home. In a scramble near the South China goal, Chan So was injured and, limping badly, went in the forward line, Leung Yok-tong replacing him at back. Several corners fell to the sailors, but they failed to turn them to account. Fung Tai handled during the rush and the sailors were awarded a penalty kick. Cleaves, the left back, came forward to take the kick and sent it over the bar, much to the disgust of the sailors' supporters and with wild cheers from the Chinese. With this let-off, South China had an excursion to the sailors' goal, but they were soon sent back and the Curlew forced a corner, the ball being sent behind from the flank kick. Keeping up the pressure, the sailors were awarded another penalty. Leung Yuk Tong handling close in. South, the centre-forward, was entrusted to take the kick and he sent a half-hearted shot to Liu, who saved and cleared by kicking to touch. With the sailors' pressing, time arrived, leaving South China winners of a one-sided game, which favoured the Curlew, by the only goal of the match.

The sailors were extremely unlucky to lose, and the dropping of four points after having most of the play shows that football is a game of chance which beats often skill.

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Lady Stubbs will perform the opening ceremony at 2.30 and H. E. Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. will preside.

The proceeds will be divided equally between the Hospital at Yunnanfu, and St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers.

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RIFLE LEAGUE.

H.K.V.D.C. v. H.M.S. Hawkins.

Hawkins.

The above match took place on Stonecutters Range on Sunday, and proved to be very exciting. The opposing teams are about the strongest in the League, and much depended on the result, as each had been defeated once. The conditions were fairly good until the first few shots at the 600 yards point, when a deluge of rain, accompanied by a ten-foot wind from the direction of 3 o'clock made shooting almost a matter of guesswork. Four of the Defence Corps team were aiming midway between their target and the one on their right. The Defence Corps won by the narrow margin of 9 points. Scores:—

H.K.V.D.C.

Mr. Griffiths	32	30	20	82
Mr. Shaw	27	29	25	81
Mr. F. Goodman	28	25	27	80
Mr. R. Goodman	25	30	17	72
Mr. Cullen	22	26	18	66
Mr. Frith	29	28	8	65
Mr. Summers	25	15	23	63
Mr. Thornhill	25	26	12	63
Total	572			

H.M.S. Hawkins.

Mr. Brooks	29	33	27	89
Mr. Gilby	34	23	24	77
Mr. Nose	29	25	20	74
Mr. Bruce	28	31	15	70
Mr. Hudson	23	27	18	68
Mr. Cooke	24	25	18	67
Mr. Rainton	24	13	11	53
Mr. Rankham	25	25	15	65

Shield Match.

The following will represent the United in their Shield Competition on Saturday against H.M.S. Yan a on Wednesday in the Navy "A" ground, kick off 4.15 p.m.—

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "SAPROEA"

Consignees of cargo for Hongkong from the Netherlands India above steamer are hereby notified that owing to the strike of Chinese seamen and cargo coolies, the said steamer is not calling at Hongkong. Cargo for this port will be carried on to Shanghai and will be returned to Hongkong when conditions here become normal again.

Consignees are therefore recommended to make their own arrangements as to Insurance, etc.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.
 Hongkong, 24th. Feb., 1922.

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S. S. "JACON" VOYAGE HOME FROM SAIGON, SINGAPORE, PENANG AND RANGOON.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived from the foregoing ports, consignees are hereby notified that delivery of the remaining cargo must be taken immediately from on board.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce a Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods will be examined on board.
 All claims must be presented within a week of the publication of this Notice, after which they cannot be recognised. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer, and all charges for delay to steamer, storage etc., will be collected on and after March 2nd, 1922.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

U.S.S.B. EMERGENCY FLEET CORPORATION.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of cargo for Hongkong per a.s. "Troia" are hereby notified that owing to the present state of affairs in Hongkong due to the strike of seamen, etc., cargo for Hongkong has been carried on in the vessel and if not discharged at Shanghai will be retained on board until her return to Hongkong. Probable ports of call are Shanghai, Yokohama and Daluy.

Consignees are recommended to make the necessary arrangements as to Insurance, etc.

DODWELL & CO. LTD.
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Hongkong, 24th. February, 1922.

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From NEW YORK etc THE STEAMSHIP "DACRE CASTLE"

Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that this steamer has arrived and is now ready to discharge. Consignees are requested to take delivery from alongside in accordance with the terms of Bills of Lading.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 24th. instant.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwritten on or before the 12th. prox. or they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SILVER STATE"

The Consignees of cargo on this steamer are hereby notified that owing to their failure to take delivery of cargo at ship's tackle in accordance with the Bill of Lading stipulations that we shall endeavor to discharge lighter and land the cargo.

The Lightening and Landing of the cargo will be done at the risk of the consignees who will also be held liable for the excess expenses incidental thereto. No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns and none will be entertained if presented later than two weeks after the cargo is landed.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD EMERGENCY FLEET CORPORATION.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

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Hongkong, February 25th. 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From CALCUTTA & STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo for Hongkong per

S. S. "LAISANG"

are hereby notified that owing to the strike of cargo and wharf coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be overlanded and landed at Shanghai and/or at Kobe. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting Insurance, etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

Commissioner Frank W. Lee made a short address thanking the guests. He said: "I wish to thank the Consular Body and our foreign friends who have favoured us with their presence here to-day."

JARDINE MATHESON & CO. LTD.
 General Managers.

Friday, 20th. February, 1922.

DARK DIPLOMACY.

The Veil Removed at Canton.

The inauguration of the new Bureau of Foreign Affairs took place at Canton on Friday and the event was made the occasion of a number of interesting speeches. We take the following account from the Canton Times.—The building was beautifully decorated with international flags and fragrant flowers early in the morning. At the very time, the unveiling ceremony was duly performed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Wu Ting-fang. He then delivered the key to Commissioner Lee who opened the main door of the new office. The guests and the staff of the Office, then entered. In the reception hall upstairs, the guests were heartily welcomed by Commissioner Frank W. Lee. Mr. Lee first made a short speech reporting the history of the construction of the new building. Then Dr. Wu made a very interesting speech in which he stated that Canton, which is the first port opened to foreigners in China, ought to have such a suitable office to house the Department dealing with foreign relations with our foreign friends. He also praised Mr. Lee's good service and said: "Mr. Lee is a very honest man. He is the man that the government wants in dealing with foreign affairs that are particularly important in Kwangtung."

Governor Chen also delivered a speech. He stated that he hopes the intercourse between Kwangtung and the foreign representatives in Shamen will continue to be most cordial. He spoke as follows: "Diplomacy is usually handled in the dark. It resulted in mutual distrust and sometimes war. Before this office was unveiled, the outside had no idea what was going on inside, because everything was dark to them. But as soon as the veil is taken away, everything inside becomes plain."

"I like to see the officers of the Kwangtung government deal with questions of foreign relations with an open attitude. Let all the diplomats in the world unveil their hearts in the same way as we unveiled this building."

Dr. Jamieson, Consul General for Great Britain said *inter alia*:—"In the old time communication in the city was not so convenient. Whenever I came to see the Viceroy, it took me such a long time to come back and forth that sometimes I had to leave Shamen early in the morning. After waiting without seeing any one I had to hurry back or I found the city gate would be closed. However, at the present, there are so many new roads that we can go to each other's place very easily. This new building is situated in a very convenient place. It facilitates the relations between the Kwangtung government and the representatives of the foreign countries."

"What is diplomacy? A British statesman says that a diplomat is an honest man sent abroad to lie for his country. But that was absolutely wrong. There are three principles underlying diplomacy; namely, mutual confidence, sincerity and sympathy. If the diplomats deal with each other according to these principles, I am sure any kind of dispute, no matter what it is, can be settled easily."

"Mr. Frank W. Lee, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, is a man who understands very well both the Chinese and foreign points of view. He is also a man of upright character. I sincerely hope that friendly relationship between China and other countries will continue as cordial in the days to come."

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JOKES THAT TICKLE YOUNGSTERS.

A Doctor's Experiments.

An investigation of the sense of humour in children at different ages and the conditions which are favourable to its full play and development is the subject of an article by Dr. C. W. Kimmins in the *Strait Magazine*.

The writer has analysed some thousands of funny stories and jokes, which were obtained from children in response to the following questions:—

(1) Give an account of the funniest story you have ever read or heard.

(2) Of all the jokes that you can remember, give an account of the one which made you laugh the most.

Some of the stories given by children of various ages were—

FIVE AND SIX YEARS OF AGE.
 A father, entering his little son's bedroom, overheard this portion of the boy's evening prayer:—"If I should die during the night please excuse me coming to heaven in my pyjamas."

NINE YEARS OF AGE.
 The story of the woman, the deck-chair, the oranges, and the shark, which has a great vogue among children, appears at this stage.

There was a storm at sea, and in order to lighten the ship the sailors threw overboard a fat woman, a box of oranges, and a deck-chair.

The storm having abated, a large shark was caught, and was hauled aboard. On cutting it open, the woman was found sitting in the deck-chair selling oranges at three a penny.

AGE TEN YEARS.
 A teacher, in reply to questions, explained that "trickling" was another word for running, and that the word "anecdote" meant a short tale. He then asked the children to construct a sentence containing these words. One of the answers was, "A dog was trickling down the street, with a tin can tied to his anecdote."

AGE 11 TO 13 YEARS.
 An American passing the Law Courts in a bus asked the conductor how long it took to put up "that block of buildings." The conductor replied, "Oh, about seven years." "In our country," said the American, "that would have taken about seven weeks."

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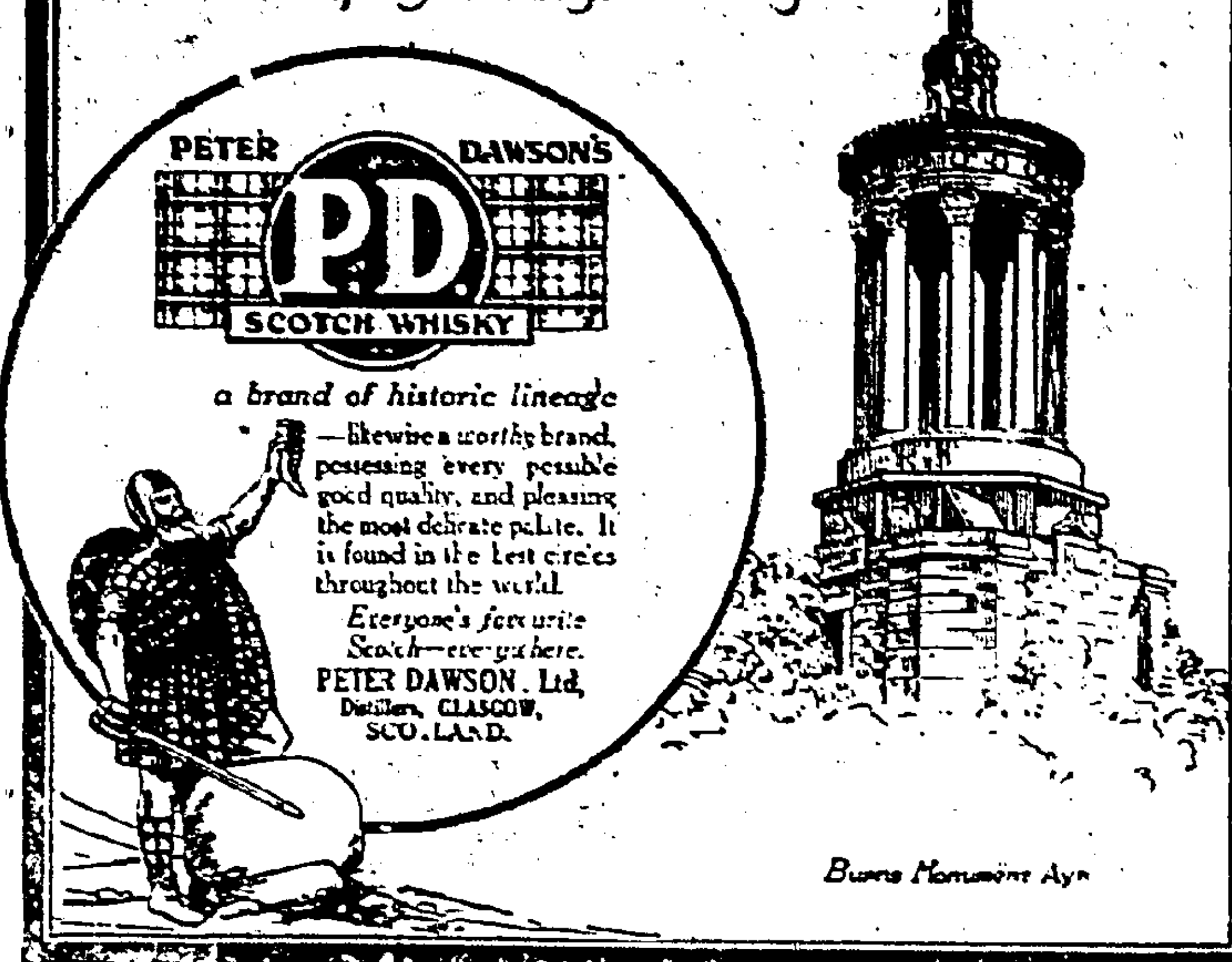
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Scotland's Glory through the Ages.



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American inquired what was the name of the building. The conductor replied that he didn't know as it wasn't there when he passed in the morning.

A man was shaving when a sudden knock was heard at the door; this startled him, and he had the misfortune to cut off his nose. In his excitement he dropped his razor, which cut off one of his toes. A doctor was called in and bound up the wounds. After some days the bandages were removed, when it was found that the nose had been fixed on to the foot and the toe on to the face. The man made a complete recovery, but it was very awkward, because every time he wanted to blow his nose he had to take his boot off.

MARYHILL.
 Of the Irish stories the Maryhill incident is the most popular.

An Irishman who had never been on a railway journey before was told to take his ticket at the booking office in the same way as the other passengers. In front of him a lady going to Maryhill said to the booking clerk, "Maryhill, single"; and the Irishman followed with "Pat Murphy, married."

This is the age when many stories are related of the idiosyncrasies of the English, Scots, and Welsh, a very popular one being the nature of the presents taken home by representatives of England, Scotland, and Wales.

The Englishman brought home "A tea-cosy from Cork," the Welshman "A teapot from Dublin," and the Scotsman "a cup and saucer bearing the inscription, 'The Great Western Railway Company.'"

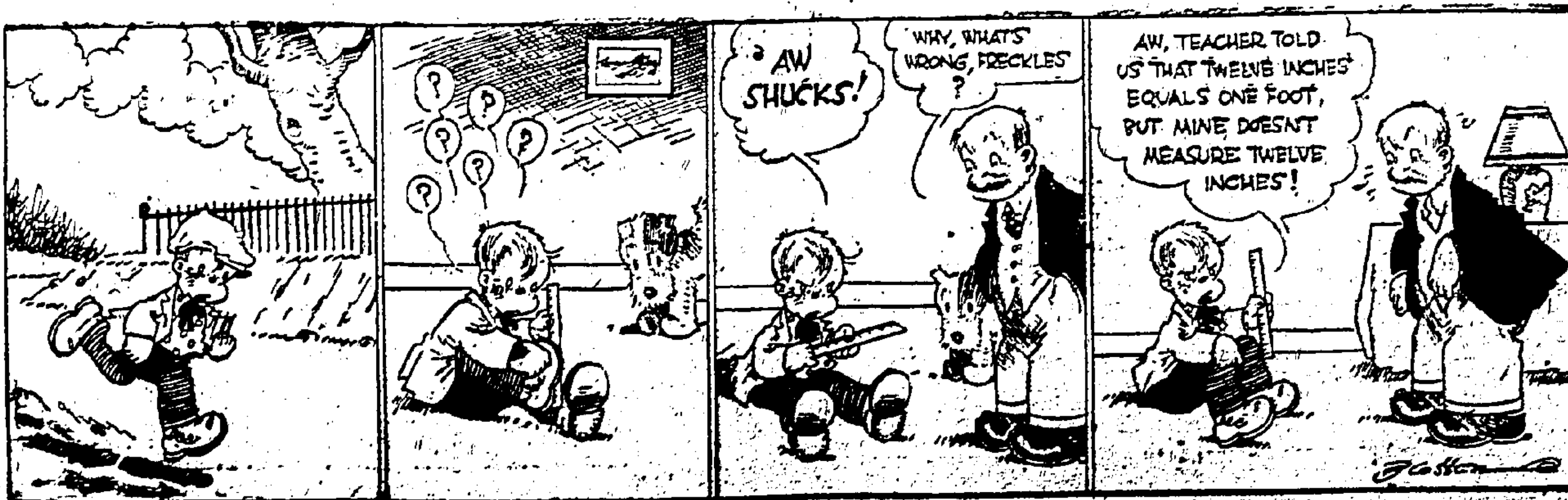
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1922.

THE CALL TO AMERICA.

Although the Genoa Conference is to be postponed by reason of the confused political situation in Italy, it is clear that there is no intention of its abandonment. That is gratifying, because there are very excellent reasons why the Allied Powers should again get together for a round-table conference on issues which if considered from the purely individual standpoint might well lead to further estrangement. What will be particularly interesting when the Conference does meet will be to see whether the United States will be officially represented. A telegram to hand on Saturday stated that America's acknowledgment of Italy's invitation did not indicate whether the United States would attend or not. There may be good reasons why at the moment the Washington Government should refrain from committing itself on this point, but in the interest of America and her future relations with the other Powers we should say an early and definite acceptance of the invitation would be wise and politic. We have before had occasion to remark that the United States cannot follow a policy either of isolation or semi-isolation in world politics. Circumstances are forcing the New World to join hands with the Old. The Washington Conference was in reality a tacit admission of that fact. Yet there is still an official reluctance to take the deciding step.

In view of past policy, we can of course understand that there should be some measure of hesitation on America's part to enter a conference dealing primarily with the economic condition of Europe but both self-interest and more generous considerations supply the opportunity of ending an unsatisfactory position. So far the United States has been neither in nor out of the discussion of European readjustment. She has hovered upon the edge. Unable to follow a line of complete detachment, America, while refusing actually to co-operate with her war associates in their heavy task, has had an official observer on hand watching developments. The coming Genoa Conference would appear to provide the means of escaping gracefully from this twilight zone of international relations and of assuming a role at once more dignified and better adapted to the demands of the situation. We cannot do better in this connection than to cite the opinion of one of the leading American newspapers on the subject. The *New York Evening Post* says:—"We have had the bad grace to stand off and say how badly France has been acting. How much better were we acting? What were we doing to give France any reason for not acting exactly as she has? Our attitude said plainly, 'Don't count on us. We are through.' Then we proceeded to hold up our hands in holy horror at France's fears and misgivings. In the very act of criticising France for rattling the sabre we have taken up a position of aloofness which virtually bids her rely on the sabre. France's fears of attack by a disarmed Germany have been matched by our fears of entanglement in a disrupted Europe. Those are pointed words, and we should hesitate to quote them were they from any other than an American source.

The United States is asked to sit down with Britain and France and the other Allies to devise means of getting out of the economic mire into which all have fallen. And, as we see it, to reject that invitation would be to turn down an opportunity of improving America's own economic condition by assisting in the restoration of normal conditions abroad. We must presume that America has ideas which she would like put into operation. Which method, therefore, is better for accomplishing that end—holding off from the conference or joining it? Nothing can be gained by a refusal. And certainly nothing can be lost by accepting.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Banque Industrielle.

A number of Deputies have presented to the French Chamber a demand for the appointment of a commission of inquiry "on political responsibilities of every kind" in connection with the Banque Industrielle de Chine. Among the signatories are MM. Edouard Ignace (ex-Under-Secretary of Justice) and Andre Tardieu. The former is stated to have communicated a series of official documents to *L'Echo National*, M. Clemenceau's new paper, of which M. Tardieu is the editor. It is doubtful whether such an inquiry would do much good to the shareholders' pockets, though it might do some, but there is no sort of doubt that a number of matters in connection with the Banque stand badly in need of clearing up. M. Ignace intimates that "the highest persons in the State are compromised." The terms of reference to the proposed commission of inquiry, as framed, deal with "political" responsibilities. The inquiry, however, should not be limited to any particular side of the undertaking; the operations in general should be investigated. One point of particular importance, whether classed as political, financial, or otherwise, is upon whose authority depositors were informed that the Banque had the support of the French Government, these being given at a time when a cable had actually been sent to London asking whether British bankers would come to the rescue of the concern.

The Premier's Meeting.

As the result of the meeting of the British and French Premiers, Mr. Lloyd George declares that the two sides are "in complete agreement on all points" and that the Entente is stronger than ever. We hope Mr. Lloyd George's judgment is correct, but cannot help feeling that he has again allowed his optimism to run somewhat ahead of probability. If he really has arrived at such a completely satisfactory understanding with M. Poincare, the interview must rank as one of the most successful on record considering the points of difference that had accumulated. As a matter of fact, there is a conflict in the reports as to it, one saying that a land-armaments programme has been agreed upon for the Genoa Conference, another that this question is not even to be discussed. However, we are assured that all essentials respecting the Anglo-French pact have been settled, and that a definite date has been arranged for the conference. The British Premier says that the "proper atmosphere" has been created for this conference, so that we may at least expect that it will not peter out like the Cannes affair. For the rest, we can only wait and see.

The "French Bluebeard."

On Saturday, Landru paid the penalty of his enormities. Many extraordinary characters appear in the annals of crime—which helps to account for their presence there; but, viewing the whole of his career, the "French Bluebeard" certainly stands out as an arch-miscreant. The circumstances attending his trial were correspondingly bizarre. Even apart from the list of atrocities for which he was condemned, Landru spent his life in iniquity. For a long while there was a distinct possibility that the "French Bluebeard" would escape the scaffold through a technicality. Broadly speaking, French law, like British, requires that the corpse must be produced before the accused can be condemned, the theory being that if this were not the rule there would always be a chance of the supposed victim reappearing. To carry this law to an extreme would be to confer immunity upon the Crippens and Landrus, who destroy not only life but their victims' bodies. Some will probably see the hand of Nemesis in the way the condemned man contributed to his own undoing. The technical element of doubt, with the jury's recommendation, might have disposed President Millerand to exercise his prerogative. First stating that he would not invoke the Appeal Court, Landru decided to do so, and after that tribunal's confirmation of the verdict, the President could scarcely extend clemency. In a more direct sense this malefactor, who was adjudged to have encompassed the death of so many others, encompassed his own, his diary providing much of the evidence against him.

DAY BY DAY.

Paymaster Commander R. T. N. Green has been appointed to the river gunboat "Ese" to fill the duties of Resident Naval Officer at Shanghai.

Saturday's health return shows two fatal cases each of small-pox and spotted fever. All were Chinese.

A number of officers have been appointed to the "Dionaea," the new "D" cruiser-class ship, which is being completed for service on the China station.

Mr. E. H. Histed and Mr. W. E. Steel have passed the examination at the Harbour Office, for first-mates, whilst Mr. S. E. McKinlay has passed as a first-class engineer.

The Empress of Asia arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon after being held up for three days owing to fog. Amongst her passengers were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McHutchison and Mr. G. L. Crockett.

Members and Subscribers of U.S.R. Club are hereby informed that a Dance will be held on Saturday, 4th March, starting at 9.15 p.m. punctually. A special Peak Tram will run at 12.45 a.m.—Advt.

DO TO-DAY'S DUTY, FIGHT TO-DAY'S TEMPTATIONS, AND DO NOT WEAKEN AND DISTRACT YOURSELF BY LOOKING FORWARD TO THINGS YOU CANNOT SEE AND WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND IF YOU SAW THEM.—Charles Kingsley

The first round in the Billiard Championship of the Colony commences to-day. Ng Szekwong plays P. Wilson at 5.30 and L. A. Osmund meets J. Greason at 8.30, in games of 500 up. To-morrow evening, R. F. da Luz plays Andrew Tse. Referee: Mr. J. Rodger.

Leo Podolsky, the noted pianist, writes us from Delhi, under date of February 7th, to the effect that his concert party has given 31 performances in India and Ceylon, and 19 in Burma. The tour has been so successful that it is being extended to the frontiers of Tibet, Kashmir, Afghanistan and Baluchistan.

Mr. F. E. Green, whose death is reported at Guildford, was a well-known writer on agriculture. He was 54 years of age, and was born at Hongkong. He first began in a city office, but as he put it, "hating the regimentation of commercialism and the boredom of suburbanism," he turned to the land. Mr. Green sat on the Royal Commission on Agriculture, and did much work on behalf of the farm labourer.

The birthday of Sir Frederick Lugard, G.C.M.G., whose appointment as a member of the Court of Directors of the Colonial Bank has just been announced, took place on January 22. He is retired from the Civil Service, though he is only sixty-four. At the time he was thirty-one he had secured five medals and the D.S.O. After a spell as Governor at Hongkong, Sir Frederick returned to Nigeria, where he spent the whole war period.

The most disastrous fire in recent years occurred at Wuchow on February 21. About 200 shops in the heart of the business section of the city were destroyed. The fire broke out at noon that day and burned until 6 p.m. Starting in an oil shop in Tuk Laap Kasi, the fire very quickly spread to Sha Kasi and burned fiercely in the busiest street of the City. More than 500 people are homeless, and the damage is estimated at \$500,000.

There are some fifteen river gunboats on the Chinese waters—not a few of them products of the late war in shallow draught, and comparatively heavy armament. These gunboats are now being recommissioned in batches. New crews for the "Cricket" and the "Moth" are being selected at the Devonport Depot, and the "Tarantula" and the "Mantis" at the Chatham Depot. Commander C. J. Crocker will assume command of the "Tarantula," and become senior officer on the West River; Commanders C. K. Adams, S. E. Nicolle, and R. B. Martin will skipper respectively the "Mantis," "Cricket," and "Moth."

THE NOBLE ART.

Boxing at Theatre Royal.

Short and sweet was the boxing at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night. The first bout ended in the first round, the third round saw the finish of the second fight, the third fight was over in two rounds and in five-and-twenty minutes from the start came the half-time interval. In the second half of the programme two out of the three fights went the full distance. As usual, the Theatre was well filled, amongst those at the ringside being His Excellency the Governor and Sir Wm. Rees-Davies.

Six-Round Lightweight.

A. B. Eardley, H.M.S. Ambrose, was down on the programme to fight L. S. Sidesford, H.M.S. Durban, but as Eardley has been taken by O. S. Russell, H.M.S. Hawkins, Russell scaled 140 pounds and Sidesford five pounds more. Russell sailed right in from the start. Sidesford fought back, but the Hawkins man was more than he could manage and he retired in the first round after taking a nasty one on the point.

Six-Round Welterweight.

Warder De Dear (147 pounds) put up a very sporty fight against Sgt. Tribem, I.G.A. (149 pounds) in the six-round welterweight contest. The Sergeant aimed mostly for the body, De Dear taking severe punishment but apparently not being much troubled and dealing out quite a lot of punishment in return. The third round saw the end. The body blows began to tell. De Dear staggered and then went to the boards for nine. A right to the point sent him down again for six. He got up and gamely tried to go on, but he was finished and the decision was given to the soldier.

Ten-Round Middleweight.

A. B. Duncan (161 pounds), H.M.S. Magnolia, was too heavy an opponent for O. S. Lewenden (147 pounds) H.M.S. Hawkins, and this fight was of very short duration. Duncan rushed at his man and his superiority in weight caused Lewenden to give way. Duncan just chased Lewenden round the ring. The Hawkins man took the count for five in the first round. In the second round Lewenden went down for nine. He got up to continue and a left to the point put him for nine again. He again tried to go on, but he was all in and went down again for the full count.

Ten-Round Featherweight.

The best fight of the evening was the ten-round featherweight contest between A. B. Chadwick (125 pounds), H.M.S. Marazion, and A. B. Hindle (125 pounds), H.M.S. Curlew. They were a very evenly matched pair. In the second round Chadwick got the better of some lively exchanges and in the third round Chadwick seemed to be shaking his man up considerably. The next round Hindle seemed to recover and the advantage went to him. The fifth round Hindle seemed to be finished and a right to the point looked very much as if it would have settled the bout if the going had not gone. The next round, however, Hindle came up game as ever and the fight went the full ten rounds. The decision went to Chadwick by what must have been a very narrow margin.

Six-round Middleweight.

A well-matched pair were A. B. Bowdidge, (160 pounds), H.M.S. Carlisle, and Musciana Groves (156 pounds), H.M.S. Hawkins, who met in the six-round middleweight contest. The first three rounds gave little advantage to either man, Groves seemed the fresher man of the two, but Bowdidge sent in some nicely placed blows. The fight went the full six rounds and Bowdidge was declared the winner on points.

Ten-round Catchweight.

Stoker P. O. Morgan retired from this fight and his place was taken by L. S. Handley, his opponent being C. P. O. Callaghan. Handley went 155 pounds and Callaghan a couple of pounds more. Handley put up a sporty show, but the punishment meted out by the younger man was too much for him and in the second round a right to the point put him out.

The Officials were:

Referees: Mr. A. Murdoch and Mr. W. Logan.
Judges: Lieut. Comdr. Hake, R.N.R., Mr. J. S. McCann, Lieut. Comdr. Douglas-Hamilton, R.N., and Lt. J. G. Jones, D.S.O., R.C. 2nd Batta. The King's Regiment.

BIG FIRE.

Five Godowns Destroyed.

\$300,000 WORTH OF TOBACCO LOST.

One of the most disastrous fires that have taken place for some time past occurred at about one o'clock this morning and destroyed a block of five large godowns, as well as their entire stock of tobacco leaf valued by the importers at \$300,000.

Where this destructive outbreak took place was in a locality occupied for the most part by godowns belonging to various Chinese houses. The buildings involved were numbered 370, 372, 374, 376 and 378 Queen's Road West, and were contiguous to a block of other houses. But although the godowns were entirely gutted, the two houses on either side of these were left unscathed, being built in a different style. The fire work put in by the firemen was no doubt a factor in saving the houses. They had to proceed under exceptionally adverse circumstances brought about by a strong wind and the highly inflammable character of the stuff stored in the buildings, there being no less than 8,300 bales of dried tobacco leaf destroyed when the last spark was put out at 4.30 this morning.

A constable on his beat noticed in the early hours that smoke was issuing from the upper windows of the central godown, No. 374, and gave the alarm which fetched the Brigade to the spot. As it was seen that the conflagration was assuming serious proportions, the first two engines brought down were reinforced by a third, while one of the fireboats was also taken round very soon afterwards and stationed at a convenient distance from the godowns. The rapidity with which the flames fastened on to the bales of tobacco was such that the first building involved was soon one burning mass, with columns of flame continually shooting upwards. Fortunately the block was cut off from the tenement houses in the rear by a somewhat narrow lane; otherwise, with the wind coming from the direction it did, the consequences would have been more disastrous. As it happened, the firemen who were stationed on the roofs of the godowns not yet involved at this stage, were forced to relinquish the good head they had managed to secure for their hoses and gradually to retreat from the progress of the flames. The roofs and floors of the whole block of five godowns later collapsed.

The outbreak, we were informed by the Stationmaster (Mr. Moss) was not got under control until half past four, by which time the buildings, as well as their contents, had become a total loss for the owners, Messrs. Luen Yick. In the earlier stages of the fire, a number of firemen had an anxious time on finding that the way by which they had gone into one of the buildings was cut off through the collapse of the floor. However, by quickly jumping over to the neighbouring godown which was also alight, and clambering over a wall, they escaped from their perilous position.

The value of the tobacco, as has been stated, is \$300,000. Two-thirds of this loss is covered by insurance with various firms amongst which are the following:

British Dominions...	\$20,000
W. G. Humphreys...	20,000
Loxley and Co.	20,000
Union Trading Co.	5,000

Other Outbreaks.

Near this locality, another fire also occurred, in the earlier part of the evening, when two godowns at Catchick Street, owned by the Kowloon Godown Company, were damaged to some extent, with the resultant loss of a small quantity of sugar. As in the case of the other outbreak, the origin of the fire is unknown.

Arson is suspected in the case of a fire that took place shortly after eleven o'clock last night at a house at 227, Temple Street. A quantity of split rattan, used for furniture making, was destroyed, the loss being estimated at \$2,000. Messrs. Wing On are the insurance people involved.

In charge of Scales: Lieut. Carson, R.N.

Manager: Mr. J. Brooks.
Medical Officers: Dr. Montague Harrison, M.D., Dr. C. Forreth, M.D. and Surgeon Lieut. Commander MacEwan, R.N.
Time-keepers: Messrs. W. Pitt and A. B. Allan.

THE "KNUCKLE-DUSTER" SOCIETY.

Plot Against Prominent Chinese.

The story of the "Three Star," or "Knuckleduster," Society and of an alleged plot to kidnap Mr. Lo Shun-wan, managing director of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, and hold him to ransom for \$50,000, was told in the Second Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning, when Li Shui-pak appeared in the dock on charges of sending a letter demanding money by menace and attempting to obtain money by false pretences.

According to the prosecution's story, outlined by Mr. A. Dyer Ball, on January 18th Mr. Lo Shun-wan was in the Taiping Theatre when a small boy came up to him with a letter. The communication stated that someone whom Mr. Lo had befriended was anxious to give him news of a plot endangering Mr. Lo's safety. The writer mentioned that as a result of letting Mr. Lo know of the plot, he, himself, was in danger and he asked for a loan of \$50, so that he could get away to Canton.

Mr. Lo thought nothing of the matter, but the following day as he was leaving his office prisoner came up to him and said he had written the letter. The "Three Star," or "Knuckleduster," Society had arranged to kidnap Mr. Lo and hold him for \$50,000 ransom, the man said.

Mr. Lo arranged to meet prisoner at seven o'clock that evening, but at six o'clock Mr. Lo took the precaution of calling at the Police Station. Two Chinese constables were told off to go with Mr. Lo in muffi to his office, where he had arranged to meet the prisoner, and when accused arrived, Mr. Lo introduced the constables as his assistants. Prisoner said he overheard a conversation between two "Knuckledusters" in the Theatre in which they plotted to kidnap Mr. Lo the first time between January 21st and January 27th that he went to his office late at night. Prisoner said he himself was a member of the "Knuckleduster" Society, but the other members would not let him alone because they knew that he had warned Mr. Lo. That was why he wanted the \$50 to go to Canton.

Following this conversation, Mr. Lo took the party to the Yok Tien Restaurant, where he "stood treat." After the meal he suggested that prisoner should go out and see if he could get hold of the two "Knuckledusters" whom he had overheard plotting in the Theatre and bring them along to a room at the Kwangchow Hotel in Shektsungshui where they could talk things over.

Prisoner went out with the constables, but returned to Mr. Lo at the Kwangchow Hotel and confessed that he had been unable to trace the "Knuckledusters." He suggested that \$600 be offered to the Society to settle the matter. Mr. Lo asked prisoner if he would sign a receipt, but this accused refused to do. Mr. Lo then suggested that they should all go to his house. They got in Mr. Lo's car and drove off, but they did not go to Mr. Lo's house; they went to the Police Station.

The hearing was proceeding as we went to press.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Of the three experimental proofs of his theory proposed by Einstein, two—the movement of the perihelion of Mercury and the bending of star light passing near the sun—have been successfully tested. This is the prediction that the lines in the spectrum of sunlight will be shifted towards the red end of the colour band, by reason of the slower vibration of the solar atom, due to the enormous gravitational field of the sun. No evidence of this "shift" has yet been discovered, and Einstein has therefore had a tower erected in the grounds of Potsdam Observatory specially fitted with instruments capable of detecting the displacement, the existence of which must be clearly demonstrated before the Relativity theory of gravitation can be accepted as superseding that of Newton.

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"This British Trade Ship," said Lord Grey, "is not merely a vessel carrying samples of merchandise. She will carry samples indeed, and display them. For this purpose four main decks, connected expressly to form an exhibition. These decks will be wide, long, and uninterrupted, for the Diesel oil engines by which the ship is to be propelled will be well aft instead of midships; as in the ordinary vessel. The 'tween decks will be lofty, so affording good ventilation and giving opportunity for adequate display. But more than this, every part of the vessel and every piece of her equipment will be an exhibit, shown in the best possible way—that is to say, actually performing the work for which it was made. Thus the engineer in quest of the latest type of machinery may see not only models, but the machines themselves at work, and may judge of their efficiency for the purpose for which he wants them; the boat builder may see the davits lowering the motor lifeboats and test the efficiency of these in a short cruise on the water. All the equipment and furniture on board will be exhibits *in situ*, the bedsteads in the cabins, the chairs, carpets, hangings in the saloon, the office fittings, and the table appointments in the restaurant.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS' CRUISE.
"On board will be 300 representatives of the exhibiting firms, who will be able to transact business on a large scale. Every facility will be provided in the way of a bank and insurance office, interpreters, typists, library, and consulting-rooms. The telephone exchange on board will be linked up with that of the town, and the ship will, of course, have her own wireless installation. In addition, the resources of the cinema will be developed to an unprecedented extent. Not only will there be a cinema theatre, but daylight films will be shown on the exhibition decks in connection with the various stalls. A large number of exhibitors will, in fact, supplement their samples by means of a small cinema apparatus attached to their stall.

The ship is to set out from London in August, 1923, by which time it is hoped that manufacturers' costs in this country will have been greatly reduced and that exchange abroad will have become stabilised. The vessel will proceed first to the east coast of South America, touching at Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Monte Video, and Buenos Aires. Thence she will proceed due east to South Africa (Capetown and Durban), and to Australia and New Zealand. The ports of call in Australasia will be Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney, Brisbane, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Auckland. Thence the ship will proceed north by way of Fiji to Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong. The return journey will be via Manila, Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, and Aden. Returning by way of the Suez Canal, she will touch for two days at Malta and Gibraltar respectively.

This gives from 318 to 356 days of actual exhibition during the cruise, which is planned to last 18 months. The arrival of the ship at each exhibition place will be preceded by the formation of a reception committee and local advertising to ensure adequate attendance by the business community of the place.

IN MEMORY OF GENERAL GORDON.

In commemoration of the 37th anniversary of the death of General Gordon at Khartoum, the council of the Shaftesbury Society and Ragged School Union placed a wreath on the statue in Trafalgar-square.

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THE ANSWER OF EXPERIENCE.

Does Confiscation Pay?

BY SIR WALTER RUNCIMAN.

Every schoolboy now learns why an apple falls to the ground and why the kettle lid dances up and down when the water boils. Yet it is really not very long ago, in comparison with the world's history, when even the wisest of men did not know these things.

Sir Isaac Newton saw an apple fall to the ground from a tree as millions of men had seen one fall before, and the train of thought that the incident set up in his mind issued at last in his famous "Principia," in which the laws of gravitation were for the first time explained. James Watt sat by the fire watching the dancing of the kettle lid, and the train of thought that started in his mind did not stop until it had produced the steam engine.

Take another case. Ever since the creation of man, he has torn himself with weapons, and cut himself with weapons, and the wounds have festered. A festering scratch has many a time caused death. What causes a wound to fester? It was only the other day that scientists found out the reason and, therefore, were able to find out the remedy.

INDUSTRIAL BRITAIN.
I give these illustrations, which everyone will understand, because I want to give another, which very few people take the trouble to understand.

The Prince of Wales has gone on another tour. This time it is India. His Royal Highness will see on this tour things as wonderful as any he saw on his previous travels in Canada, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. But they will be more wonderful than the sights he saw in the early part of last year, when he visited the industrial districts of his native land.

I want my readers to picture that tour again in their own minds. Refer to a map of Great Britain, if you like, and in the heart of England you will see Birmingham, the nerve city of the Black Country. Ninety miles to the north of it is Manchester, the brain of the great cotton industry, the greatest industry of the premier industrial country of the world, with its powerful, humming neighbour Liverpool, one of the greatest shipping ports of the world. Then cross the hills to the West Riding and down the Ouse to Hull. Then north again to the majestic River Tyne, with its teeming commerce, and north again to the throbbing Clyde, then across to Belfast, and then on again to South Wales and Bristol.

Everywhere you go, thousands of men and women are even now at work in mine and factory, in field and workshop, on docks and railways—all producing and handling goods.

Now for my simple illustration. Who consumes the things that they produce? The Bolsheviks, the other amazing untamed quacks, urge the proletariat to believe that they are in the main produced for the consumption of the wealthy. Nothing of the sort. At least 90 per cent, and probably as much as 95 per cent., of the unending stacks of goods of all descriptions produced in our industrial districts are consumed by the working classes.

VENOMOUS ILLUSION.

The exquisite doctrine of the Bolsheviks is that they are in the main produced for the consumption of the wealthy, but then their whole creed is the babbling of venomous illusion. What the position is now nobody knows exactly, for the war has altered things, but on a pre-war basis all the interest and profits on capital if they had been confiscated and divided equally amongst the rest of the population would only have yielded them an additional chilling day.

Even this would only happen on condition that the share of the product which used to go in profits and interest to the employers still continued to be produced after it had been confiscated for the supposed benefit of the worker. But, of course, nothing of the sort would happen. After confiscation it would be produced no longer. It would disappear, and what would disappear along with the 10 per cent, which used to go to the employers?

Let us pause on the question, for the answer to it is all-important. I do not mean to answer it out of my own head, but out of bitter experience. The plan has been tried within the last few years, and we now know the result. Citizens Lenin and Trotsky have confiscated not only the incomes but the property of all the capitalist employers of Russia. The result is obvious. That fair land and its vast resources lie in ruins, and Russian working men are now starving and dying in thousands. In a word: if the 10 per cent, which now goes to the capitalist employers disappeared because it had been confiscated, the 90 per cent that goes to the employees would have to disappear too, precisely as it is disappearing in Russia.

Do we want this to happen in Great Britain? In economics like causes produce like effects all the world over. If we want to ruin our industries for good and all, we can do so by following the odd example of Russia in spreading the blessings of fraternity by committing incessant murder and rapine. What a diabolical conception of brotherhood the wicked behest is!

Let us pray that God in His mercy will put a peremptory end to it.

DEATH OF THE MITSUBI BANK.

PRESIDENT.
Baron Takayasu Mitsui, the President of the Mitsui Bank, whose death is announced from Tokyo, belonged to one of the oldest millionaire families of Japan. The Bank is one of the most noted hereditary houses of "business kings" of Japan, and is associated with other big family concerns, viz., the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha (Trading Department) and the Mitsui Mining Company, whose total registered nominal capital is ¥150 millions and reserve funds 50 millions. The house of Mitsui does an enormous trade in the Far East in practically every article of commerce. It is said that the business is governed by a set of family rules drawn up 200 years ago. The Mitsui are engaged in nearly every line of business from laying railways to growing beans. They are as well known to the Japanese housewife as to the business man, for they not only sell ships and mine coal and do an immense wholesale trade, but run retail shops as well.

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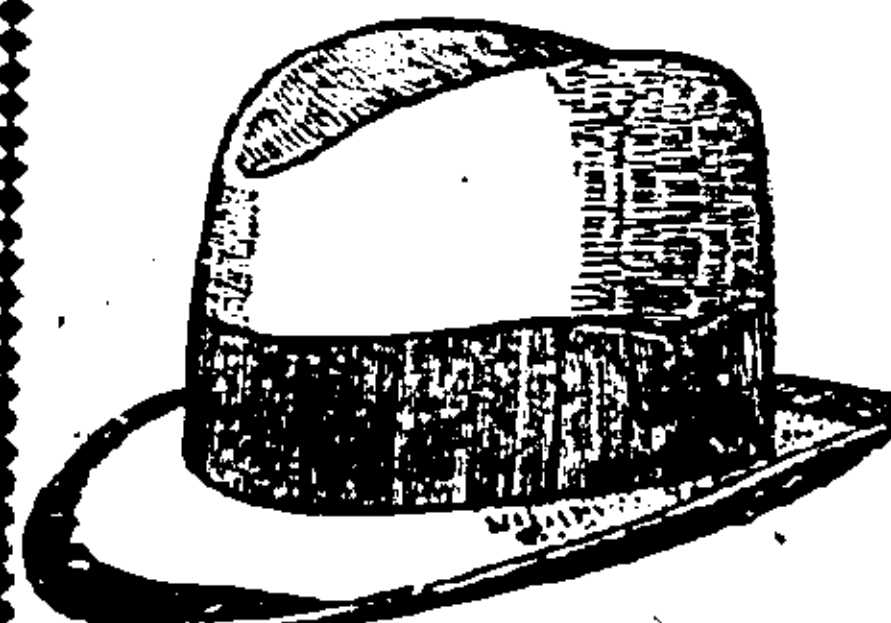
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"YELLOW TYPHOON."

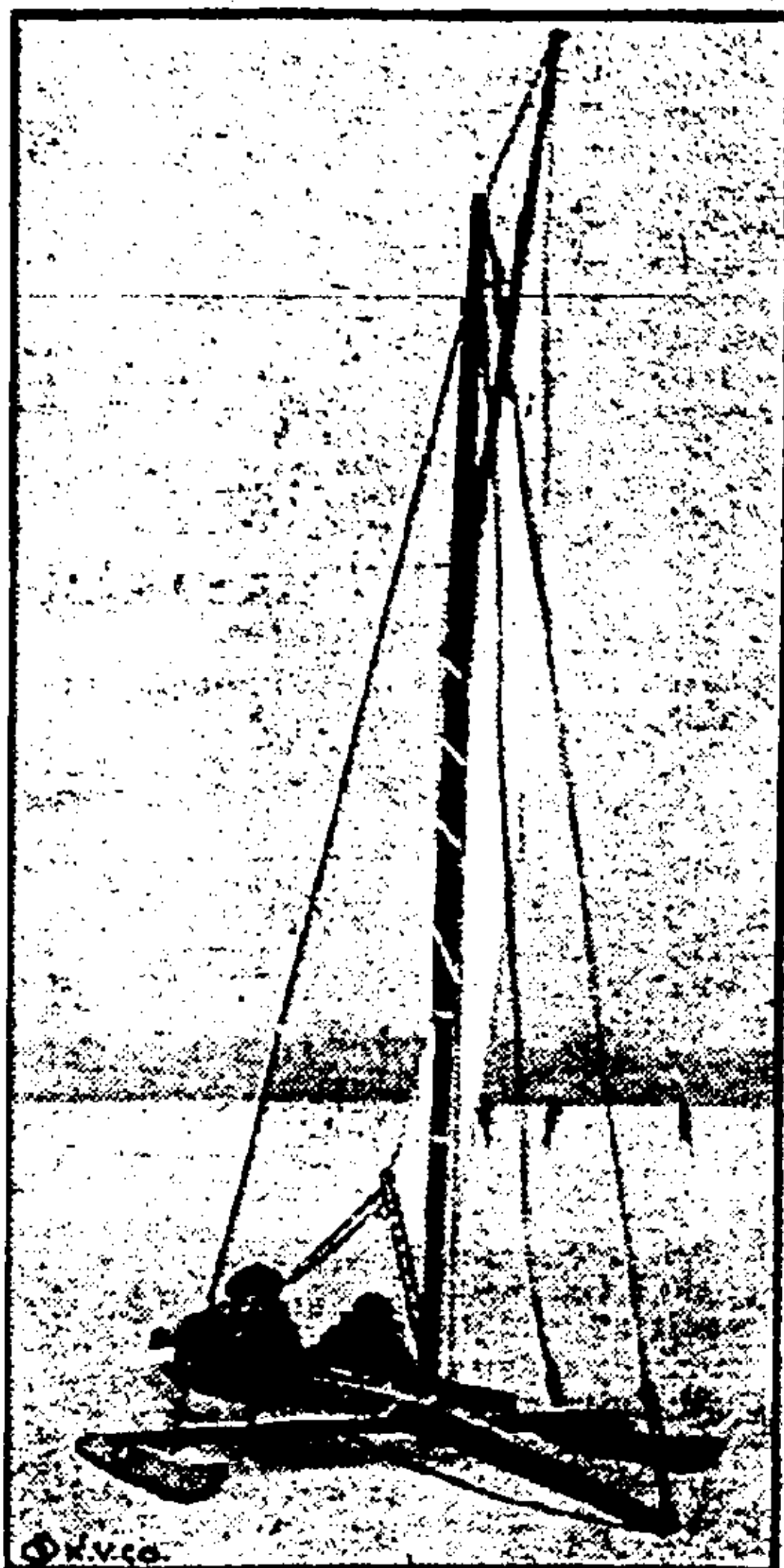
Shanghai Gaming Haunt Filmed.

With one of its most dramatic incidents staged in bizarre Shanghai gaming haunt where East meets West in the frenzied pursuit of fickle fortune, "The Yellow Typhoon," First National's great feature attraction which comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening, shows the spectator many strange, many startling sights in some of the gayest cities of the world—New York, London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Monte Carlo, Shanghai, and Manila. Besides taking the spectator into an atmosphere of feverish pleasure and hectic excitement, this remarkable photoplay based on the *Saturday Evening Post* adventure story by Harold McGrath, also gives a charming picture of simple home life. Indeed, contrast, sudden and startling is its most striking feature. No greater character contrast could be found, for instance, than that of the two sisters who are the leading spirits of the story, the one a sincere lovable girl, the other a heartless, ruthless tigress; the one an alert secret service member, the other the owner of a notorious Shanghai gaming haunt. Startling though the contrast is, however, it is not too daring for Anita Stewart who plays the dual role of the two sisters, and plays it with rare artistry and talent. What a woman stakes in a gamble for a priceless string of diamonds and how she attempts to steal important naval plans are only two incidents in a story that is breathless with interest and suspense.

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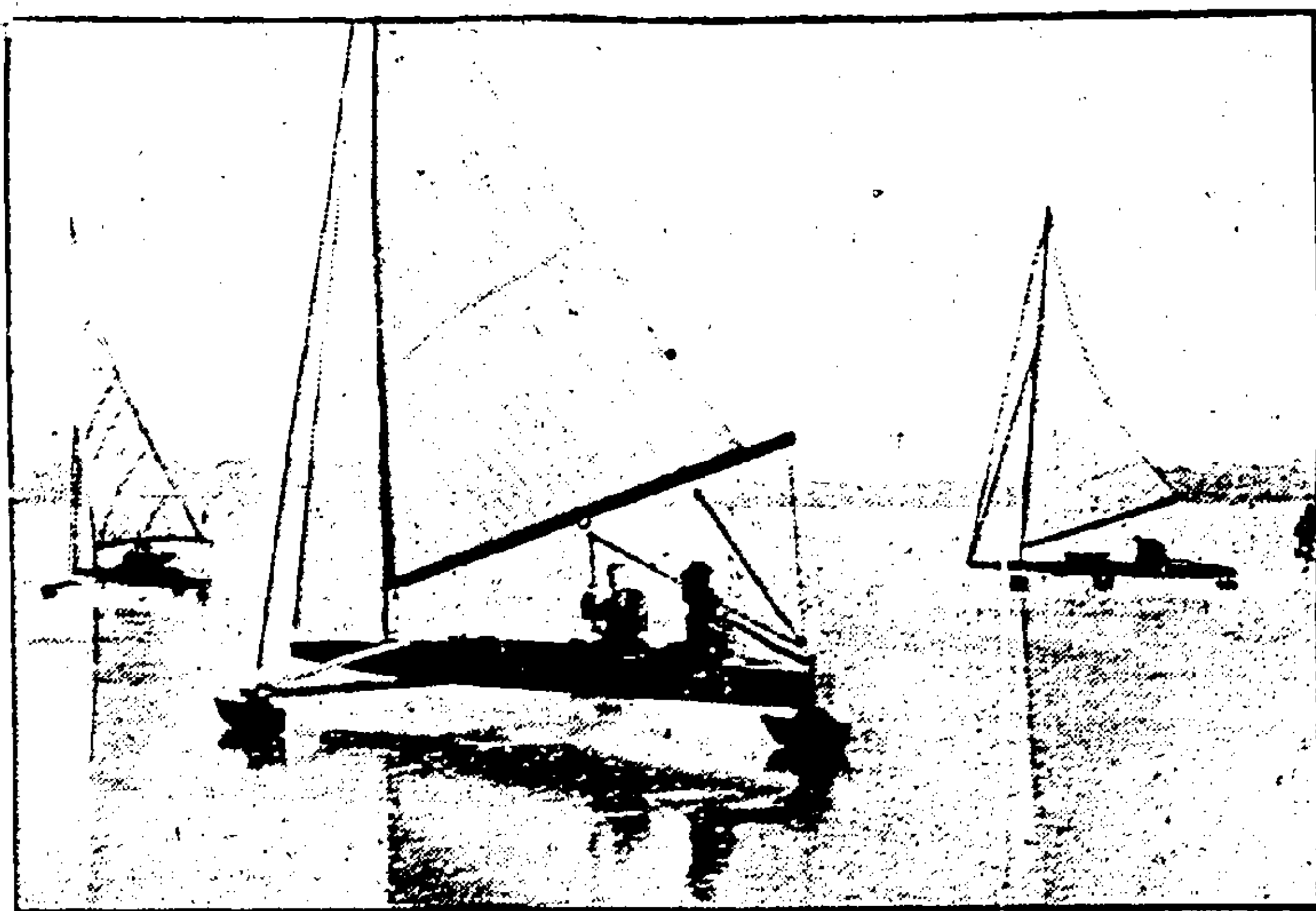
Here is the opening of the ice yachting season at Red Bank, New Jersey.



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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

BRITISH COAL OUSTS AMERICAN America, says Lloyd's List, has every reason to be concerned over her inability to compete with British coal at present prices. It is clear enough that she is losing her hold on the export business which she secured during our coal control and mining stoppage troubles. Chartering for Europe can hardly be said to exist and certainly makes no such figure in freight market transactions as it did in the summer and autumn. A little business continues to be done with Argentina and Brazil, but even there British coal is competing with every appearance of success. What is still more remarkable is that, according to the latest advice from New York, British coal is offering in the West Indies at prices which threaten to destroy the monopoly which American exporters have for some time enjoyed in that market, and the point is even raised that our coal is now being sold for general consumption in New York and Boston. It also appears that owing to the relatively high price of American coal, bunkering business at the Atlantic ports is falling off, steamers preferring to bunker abroad at lower prices. All this, of course, is produced as evidence in favour of forcing a reduction in the American railway rates. These rates are pressing just as heavily on United coal owners and exporters as they are on our coal trade here, and a reduction of 5s. a ton in the transport charges to the seaboard is now demanded through the Secretary of Commerce. Such a reduction would undoubtedly make a lot of difference in American food prices, and the very fact that it is now being debated by the railroad companies makes the decision of the British companies to afford some relief to our own industry all the more welcome.

A MOUNTAIN OF IRON. Prof. Sir Edgeworth David, of Sydney University, on his return from a geological visit to South Australia, made enthusiastic references to the wealth of iron ore deposits at Iron Knot, near Port Augusta. "At the south end of the Iron Monarch, a huge rounded hill rising 600-ft. above the saltbush plain, is a wonderful quarry" said Prof. David. "This quarry with its face of 900-ft. in length and a height of 200-ft. is a grand sight, probably the finest of its kind to be seen anywhere in the world. Not even the great iron ore deposits of the States can present anything on so grand a scale."

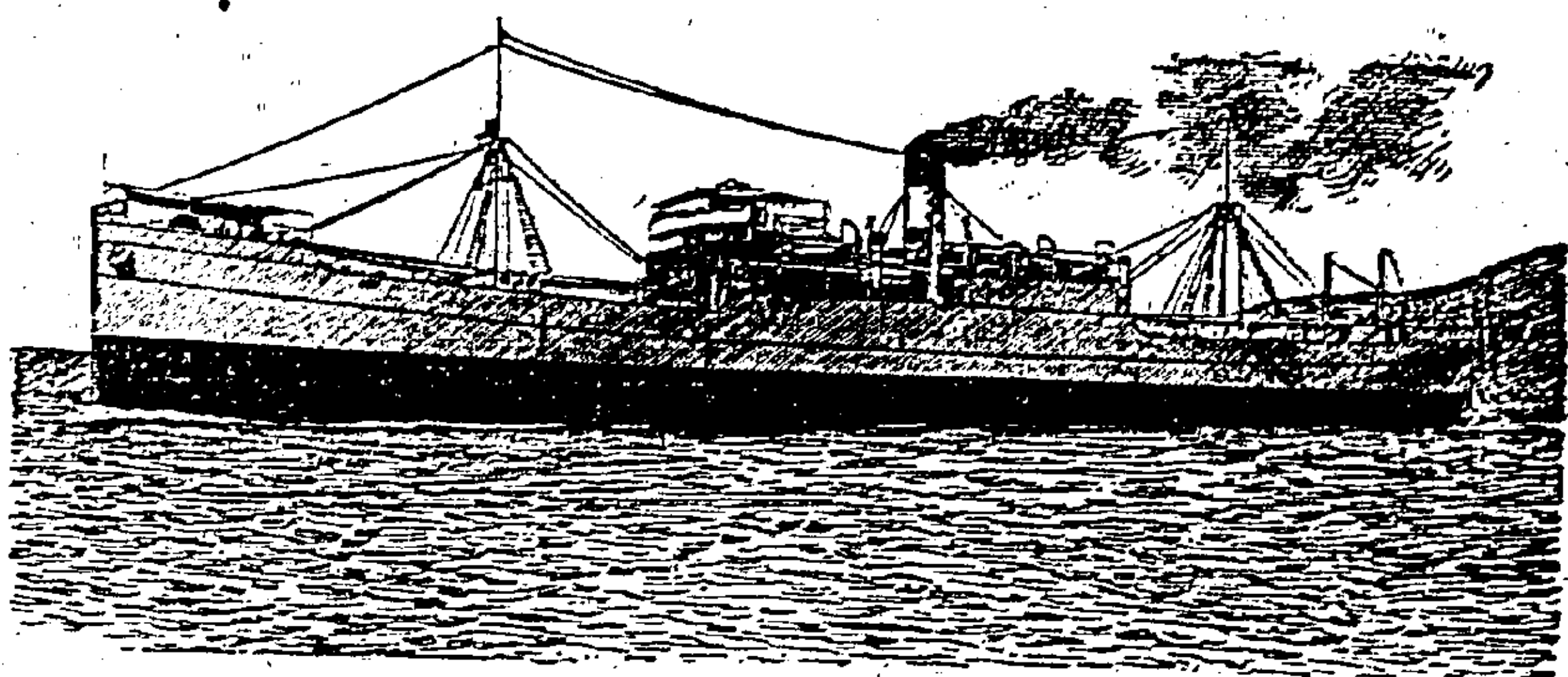
IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT. It is anticipated that the installation of a new plant on the west coast of Tasmania will result in a monthly yield of 20,000 tons of iron ore. The development of the field is going forward rapidly, further sections being pegged on behalf of Hoskins, Ltd. the well-known Australian ironmasters. "Consequent upon the increased duty of 50 per ton on sulphur imports it is expected that a Tasmanian pyrites mine will be re-opened and be able successfully to compete against sulphur from South America and Japan."

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ACTIVITY AT CHEMULPO.

According to reports from Chemulpo, Korea, that port has been showing unprecedented activity since December, more than 12 ships entering the port daily. Most of the Japanese shipowners are operating in the service ships that were in the services to North China and Hokkaido, which are closed to navigation now, due to the freezing of the seas.

WIRELESS AT SEA.

The Union-Castle Line have always made a point of providing adequate wireless equipment in all their vessels, both for their safety and for the safety and convenience of passengers. In this connection an interesting record has just been set up by one of their steamers, the Kinfauns Castle, on her homeward trip from the Cape. Equipped with a standard wireless set, she kept in continuous communication with Cape Town for 3,000 miles. The previous record for uninterrupted traffic working was 2,300 miles.

THREE SHIPS—10,000 PASSENGERS.

Three vessels, each possessing a remarkable distinction of her own, will operate in the White Star Line's Southampton-Oberlin-New York service in the coming spring. The Majestic, 56,000 tons, is the largest steamer in the world; the Olympic, 46,439 tons, is the largest British-built liner; and the Homeric, 35,000 tons, is the largest twin-screw steamer. These three floating cities will have a combined capacity for over 10,000 passengers. Their aggregate gross register totals more than 137,000 tons.

NEW STEAMER FOR CHINA MUTUAL CO.

Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. last month launched from their south yard the twin-screw steamship Diodon, which is a vessel of 490 feet in length, with a gross tonnage of over 10,500 tons, built to the order of Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co., Liverpool, for their China Mutual Steam Navigation Co. She is a sister ship to the Calchas, recently completed by these builders. The engines are two sets of Brown-Curtis turbines, with double reduction gearing, built also by Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., Ltd. There are seven holds, arranged for the carriage of general cargo, and it is expected that the vessel will be ready for service in the spring.

JAPANESE SHIPBUILDERS' PROGRAMME.

Shipbuilders in Japan will present the following petition to the Government at an early date:— (1) To grant low interest loans on newly-built steamers, equivalent to the valuation of the vessels. (2) A navigation subsidy to be given to steamers of high speed among such boats. (3) An employment relief and investment committee to be formed to consider means of relieving the unemployment caused by the proposed armament limitation. (4) An import duty on foreign construction materials. (5) The superannuation of old vessels so as to safeguard shipbuilding. (6) The Government to make known the warship building plans of private builders.

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE. On the Puget Sound Shipping Conference, Portland Conference, San Francisco Conference, etc., all of which have fallen to the ground, the majority of the former members who desire to rehabilitate their respective Conferences are being met by no small difficulties in reaching their goal. Having come to a decision with one voice to combine these Conferences into a single body, their respective representatives recently met at Seattle and exchanged views on the fixing of freights, the regulation of the former Conferences, etc. But the meeting came to nothing, says the Tokyo Asahi, because the Blue Funnel Line, who cut a conspicuous figure in the former Conference and two or three other companies were not represented thereat. According to the same paper, the Blue Funnel Line assumes a very dogmatic attitude and has declared its intention to decide for itself upon the practicability of participating in the associated Conference according to the terms and conditions to be offered to it, though it is not disposed favourably toward the completion of that Conference. But the radical reason for the reconstruction of the Conference being difficult is that the rebate system whereby alone a Conference can control shippers and make them laudable to the tune is not a part of the scheme.

SMART CAPE AND GOWN.



The illustrated is of brown crepe de chine trimmed with large roses of the same fabric. The cape, of brown velvet, is also trimmed with roses.

CHINESE NEWS.

Gen. Chan to Take Part in Expedition.

A Peking telegram states that Marshal Joffre arrived there on the 25th instant. The President has presented him with the Order of Wan Fu and the French Minister with the Order of Cha Wo of the First Grade.

It is said, states another Peking wire, that the President will accept Liang Shih-yi's resignation and will ask Pau Kwei-ching to form a Cabinet.

Our Canton correspondent says that Chan King-ming, after a meeting of prominent military men on Saturday, announced his decision to personally lead an army of one division and seven regiments to take part in the Northern expedition. The protection of Canton will devolve upon Commanders Li Ping-wing, Yip Kee and Wong Keung, with two divisions of troops.

CANTON CONCERT.

For London Hospital Fund.

Below is a list of subscriptions received to date in connection with the musical entertainment for the above fund, to be held in the Canton Club Theatre on the 28th instant:

Mr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G., LL.D.	\$100.00
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NAVAL AND MILITARY.

The issue of the *China Express* and *Telegraph* just to hand contains the following:

Sir John Sharman Fowler, who has been appointed to command the Forces in China, is a Sapper with a very distinguished career. Born in 1864 he had his first chance of distinguishing himself, like so many officers who have come to the front, on the North-West frontier, and distinguished himself greatly with the Chitral Expedition, which brought him a D.S.O. In South Africa his work in the war there brought him a brevet majority. In 1912 he was made Commandant of the Army Signal School, and was sent out when the war began as Director of Army Signals, in which capacity he did most valuable work. He has honours from America, France, and Russia, was made C.B. in 1915, and K.C.M.G. in 1918.

Paymaster Rear-Admiral William Le Gayt Pullen, C.B., who for over 30 years served as secretary to various admirals, died suddenly at Devonport on January 18. Admiral Pullen was born on September 1, 1855, the son of Captain T. C. Pullen, R.N., and entered the Royal Navy as an assistant clerk on July 15 1872. He had a long series of appointments as secretary to admirals. In 1894 he served in the Channel Fleet as secretary to the Second-in-Command, which post was held successively in those years by Rear-Admiral E. H. Seymour and A. T. Dale, and from 1895 to 1898 he was with Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Buller in China. In 1904 he held the secretaryship to the Admiral commanding the Coastguard and Reserve. His work in the North Command during the early months of the war with Germany was arduous, and was recognized by his being awarded the C.B. In September, 1919, following the grant of military titles to the recipient branch, he was promoted paymaster rear-admiral. From 1887 to 1895 Pullen was a

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student of the Inner Temple, and in 1888 he passed in Roman Law examination.

One of the oldest surviving officers of the engineering branch of the Royal Navy, Chief Inspector of Machinery, James Wootton, C.B., has passed away at Brockley, London. Born in 1840, he entered the Navy at 20 years of age, and successively passed through the various grades, and in 1886 reached the rank of fleet engineer, receiving further advancement to the grade of Inspector of Machinery in December, 1887. A year later he went to Hongkong as chief engineer of the dockyard there, where he also held office as vice-president of the local Institution of Marine Engineers. At the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 he was awarded the C.B., and retired from the active list the following year.

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Barometer	29.85	30.16	30.15
Temperature	71	50	52
Humidity	88	72	64
Wind Direction	E. N. E.	N. N. W.	N. N. W.
Wind Force	2	3	2
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.01	0.00	0.32
Highest open air			
Temperature on the	26th	71	
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Temperature on the	27th	49	
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Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day. 0.32 inch. Total since January 1st. 8.15 inches, against an average of 3.74 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS

ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong to N.E. winds

Gap Rock fresh;

overcast

at first,

clear later.

2 Formosa Channel } N.E. gale, moderating.
3 South coast of } N.E. winds, strong.
4 South coast of } H.K. & Lamoeka, moderating.
5 South coast of } The same as No. 1.
6 H.K. & Hainan }
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